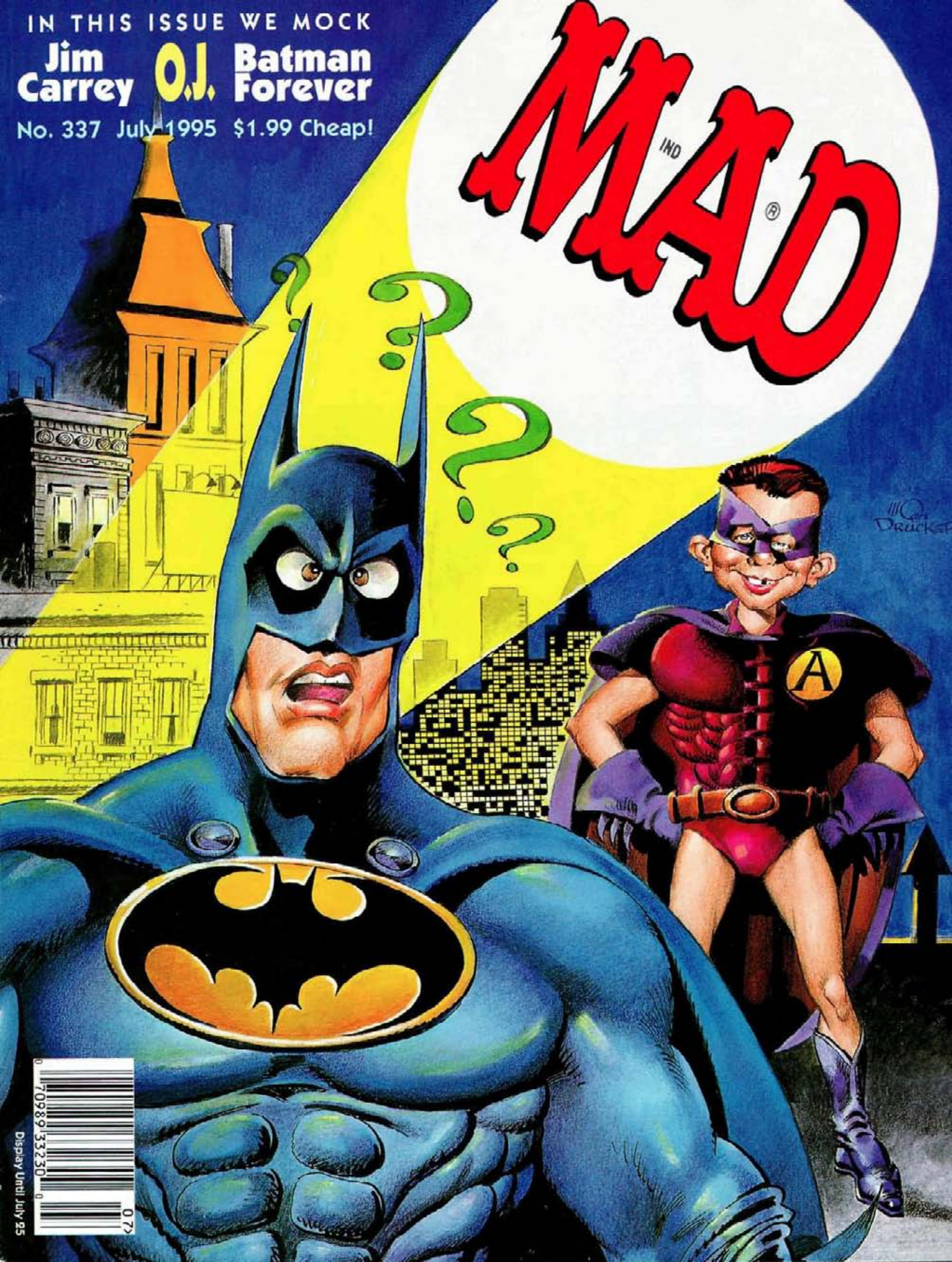


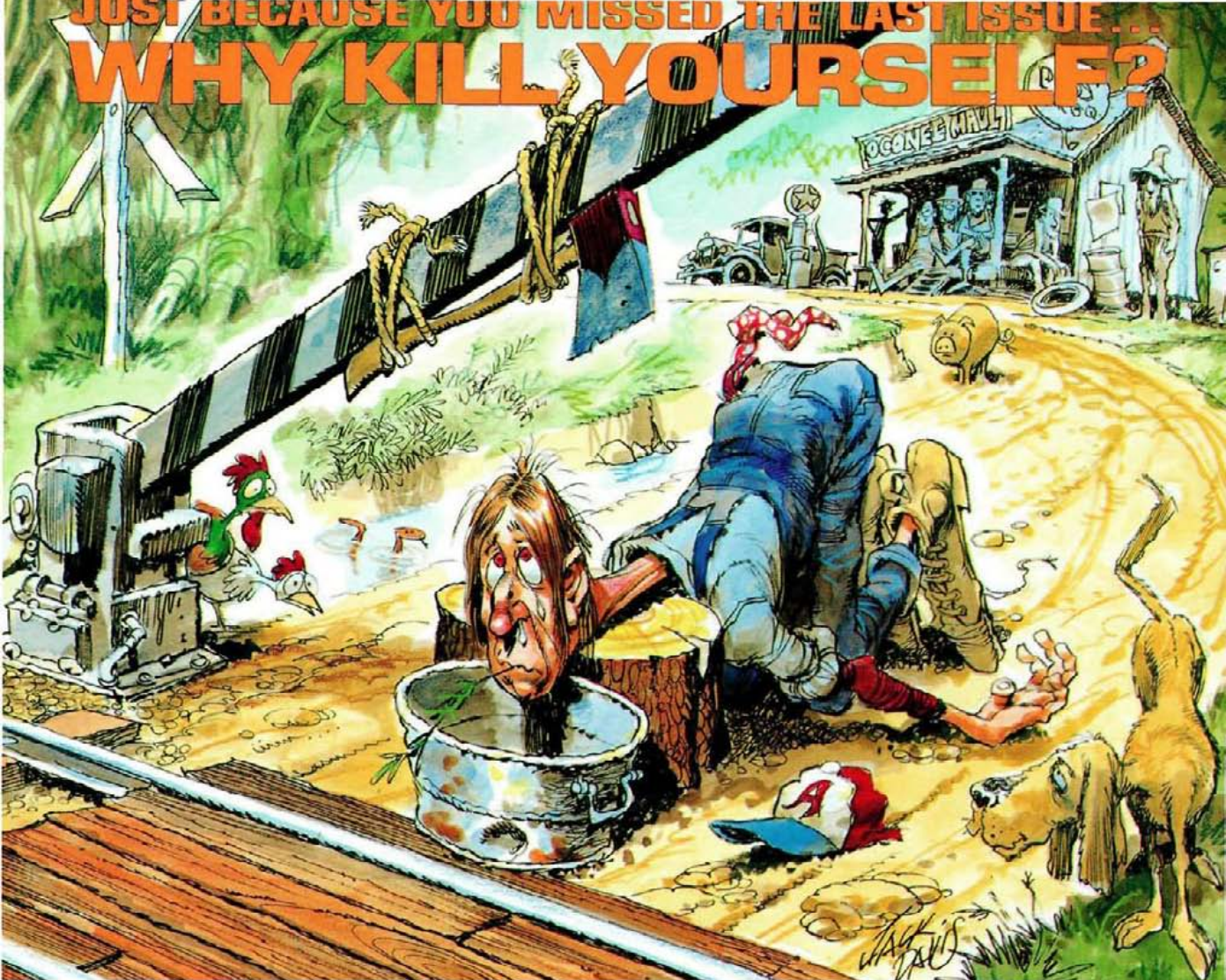
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— Alfred E. Neuman

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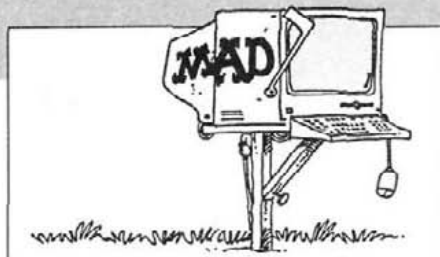
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## DO THE FAR RIGHT THING

You've ceased to be funny and I've ceased to buy your liberal rag. What ever happened to the humor upon which you built your magazine? In Mike Snider's "The Republican Party's 'Contract With America' (Truthful Post-Election Version)" piece, there wasn't a single funny word. It was purely a political statement of your liberal leanings.

John Pierre  
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We're sorry for what you perceive as a lack of funny words. To remedy this oversight, we present the following panoply of funny words and encourage you to pepper your conversation with them when speaking with your Dittohead conservative friends — their sides will be aching with laughter! — forklift...canuck...uvula...spittoon...monkey juice...pneumatic...fa...sassafras...Cleveland...Dole...Gingrich...Buchanan...Dornan...Gramm...Lugar...Lamar...Zamboni! — Ed.

## REVENGE OF THE NERD?

You have made fun of many things, but in issue #334 you went too far. A subtitle on the cover reads "Comic Book Fans (Geeks on Parade!)" This statement is probably the worst MAD has ever made. Comic book fans are not geeks and in fact do have a life. I myself am a comic book fan and I am not a geek, dweeb, nerd or whatever you want to call me. I hope you think more next time before you print a statement like this. You just lost yourself a subscriber!

Beau McRae  
Colorado Springs, CO

We stand corrected. At no time did we mean to imply that all comic book fans are geeks, dweeb or nerds...just comic book fans named "Beau"! See ya, loser! — Ed.

## THE (BAD) DREAM TEAM



The Syosset Sharks (part of the Intermediate Boy's Division of the Syosset, NY Soccer Club) relax after winning a game by donning their Alfred E. Neuman masks...just like the professional soccer teams in Europe and South America do! They don't wear the masks during games, though...if they did, they'd have a hard time deciding whether they'd rather kick the ball or each other's face!

## A LAME BRAIN LETTER

When I received MAD #334 and looked at the "Frankenstein" cover, I was disappointed to find out that Alfred E. Neuman has a brain.

Robby Aske  
Lawrenceville, GA

And when we received your letter, you didn't disappoint us at all! You follow? —Ed.

## A DEAD LETTER

I am a loyal reader of your magazine, but as a Grateful Dead fan, I feel it necessary to point out a mistake on MAD #334's back cover, "Commemorative Music Stamps We'd Like to See." The enchanting Dead have existed for only 29 years, not 30! Previous to 1966, the same group was known as the Warlocks, and before that, Mother McCree's Uptown Jug Champions. Just thought you guys should know!

Paul Elsborg  
Northbrook, IL

Paul — We appreciate your letter because most of us here are Deadheads too! Most of us, that is, except Assistant Editor Andrew J. Schwartzberg, the person who did the research for our stamp article. We've been having trouble with Schwartzberg lately and your letter wasn't the first we've received. Yours proved to be the breaking point, however, and we had no alternative but to let him go. Sure, we've joked about this in the past, but Schwartzberg is such a slacker and layabout, this time we mean it! Just check the next issue's masthead and see if you can find him! He's history! —Ed.

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# TOMATOES DEPARTMENT

## DAD AGAIN

My father has been reading your magazine for 35 years. This is what he looks like now!

Alex LeBuffe  
Houston, TX



Man, oh man, we bet you can't wait for Parent's Night at school! Trust us, when Jenny Jones sees this photo, you're going to get the call! Oh, and say hi to everyone at the trailer park! —Ed.

## FUN WITH GUNS

Having lost a family member myself to senseless gun violence, I look at the NRA as a group that is not protecting people's rights but violating people's right to life. It is simple mathematics. Each of the following countries except the U.S.A. has very tough gun control legislation:

Country	1992 handgun deaths
Australia	13
England	33
Sweden	36
Japan	60
U.S.A.	13,220

2+2=4...Guns+people=death.

Thomas Sposato  
St. James, NY

Tommy Boy — The figures you quote make perfect sense to us! All except one, that is... are you sure 2+2=4?? —Ed.

Why do we believe the anti-gun groups who say banning firearms will make us safer, when the overwhelming majority of crimes are committed with guns that were not legally purchased in the first place! Violent crime in Washington, D.C. tripled after "carrying" was made illegal and only the bad guys had guns. The places with the strictest gun laws (New York City and Washington, D.C.) are horrifyingly more violent than Montpelier, VT, with the most lenient gun laws!

Frieda L. Weber  
Ft. Edward, NY

New York and D.C. horrifyingly more violent? Your letter is not without merit. The thought of living in Montpelier, VT, however, makes us want to put a gun to our head, so it kind of evens out! —Ed.

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The place: Gotham City. The time: dusk. As the sun sets over the vast cityscape, the denizens of the underworld go into action. Their mission is to commit heinous crimes against the state, destroy the fabric of society, and do battle with a friggin' pansy wearing latex pants, a long-flowing cape and a sweaty leather mask! Yup, if we've seen this once we've seen this three times. There's nothing new about...

# BUTTMAN

I can't believe Brute Lame wouldn't help me mass produce my invention! He said it was too much like a mind control device, but he's wrong! And if I can get my device on him, I'll use it to control his mind! My virtual reality invention makes things seem so real! I feel like I'm really at a circus! It even smells bad! I better be careful not to step in any virtual reality elephant dung!

The Children's Hospital profusely thanks Brute Lame for his generous contribution of one million dollars! Unfortunately, to celebrate his donation we spent one million five hundred thousand on this stupid circus spectacular, so the orphans get screwed again!

The circus! I love it! It's fun for kids of all ages!

The circus! I hate it! I can't wait for someone to get killed!



How do they fit so many clowns in that tiny car?

The bigger question is — how do they fit so many clowns with machine guns in that tiny car?

I never liked clowns when I was a kid! Now I finally understand why! They kill people! Look at them shooting the people in the audience! The humor in this situation escapes me!

Oh, I don't know! *Pulp Fiction* played violence for laughs and won a lot of awards!



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Isn't that cute!  
The Flying  
Gravestones  
are trying to  
dismantle my  
megaton TNT  
bomb! I admire  
their bravery!

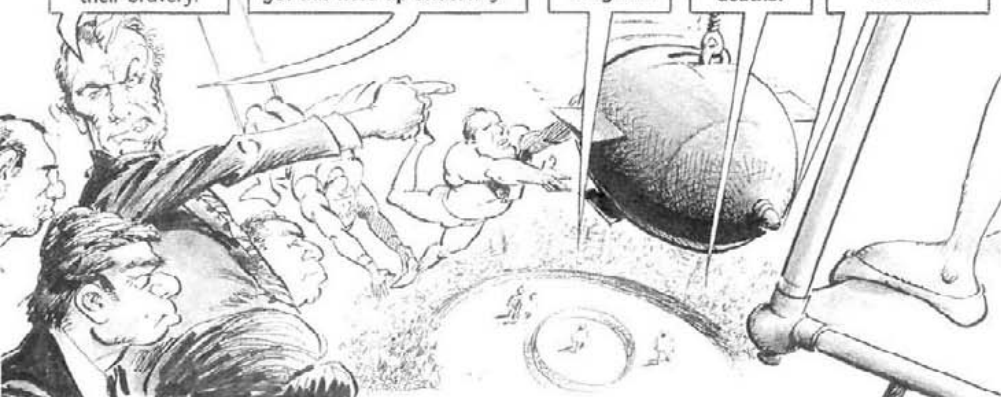
Those \$%\*& acrobats are  
trying to dismantle my  
bomb! They're also about  
to change from the  
Flying Gravestones to  
the Dying Gravestones!  
Shoot 'em down, boys and  
get this hold-up underway!

He talks  
out of both  
sides of  
his mouth!  
He must be  
Dual Puss...  
or Newt  
Gingrich!

I can't  
look! Those  
trapeze  
artists are  
going to  
fall to  
their  
deaths!

You better  
look! It  
cost me  
\$300 to  
get seats  
this close  
to the  
action!

I saved quite a few  
lives by hurling Dual  
Puss's bomb into the  
river! Unfortunately, I  
have no way of knowing  
how many tourists died  
on the Circle Line  
boat it sank!



You're  
a hero,  
Dork! Your  
parents  
must be  
proud  
of you!

My parents are  
dead! Remember?  
They were shot  
down from their  
high wires last  
night by Dual  
Puss and his men!

Yes, but all the  
way down to the  
ground. I bet  
they were thinking —  
"our son is really  
brave" — right up  
to the splat, that is!



Where would  
you like to  
sleep, Dork?  
This place has  
37 bedrooms, but  
quite frankly,  
mine has the most  
comfortable bed!

Thanks,  
but this  
is only  
our  
first  
date!

And since you like  
spandex and capes,  
you won't believe your  
eyes when you see the  
Butt-wardrobe! It's  
massive! And talk  
about mirrors...

Okay Smoothie,  
you've got  
yourself a  
roomie! That  
"man to man"  
talk about  
kinky clothes  
convinced me!



There's another neat thing  
about staying here! My  
bedroom is the perfect place  
to have revealing, recurring  
nightmares! Especially about  
dead parents!

Just  
what I  
need!  
I'm  
definitely  
staying!



Neuman,  
I  
had  
one  
of  
those  
dreams  
again!

It's no  
problem,  
sir!  
I'll  
wash the  
sheets  
again!

No, not those  
dreams, Neuman!  
The other dreams  
about bats and my  
family! I think  
there's some  
obscure connection!

Obscure connection?  
Unarmed, your  
family tried to  
stop a gang of  
thugs toting  
machine guns!  
Your family  
was bats...sir!





I don't know if I became **Buttman** to fight crime, or to fight the fear of crime! Because fearing fighting crime can be more fearful than fighting the crime itself, or the fear! It's deep, I know!

It's so deep I need the **ButtShovel**! But first, this note came for you: "Puzzle me this: If Michael Keaton turned down ten million dollars to play **Buttman** in this movie — what did he know that you didn't? Signed, the Piddler!"

First Siskel, then Ebert, now him! Is everybody a critic?



How come you respond so quickly when the police send the **Butt-Signal**?

I'd like to see you try to sleep when someone shines a fifty million watt spotlight in your bedroom window!

Actually, I sent the signal! I'm quite attracted to your **ButtCape**, your **ButtTights** and your **ButtMask**! I'd kiss you, but I'm not attracted to your **ButtBreath**! Yuck!



We have a really sicko-wacko-creepo murderer on the loose!

Leave the diagnoses to the professionals, like me!

His latest note says: "Puzzle me this: Why is the part of a renowned psychologist played with so much flesh uncovered? Is it to cover-up bad acting?"

I hope you catch that really sicko-wacko-creepo murderer — and fast!



I want you to take this made-in-Taiwan dream doll! It's truly unique! It's the only doll that wasn't made by **Mattel**! She stands sentry while you sleep and she'll help end your nightmares!

How much air does she take?

Yes! Every doll I've ever owned is inflatable!



A stick up! It can't be! We are Got'em's finest citizens!

Okay then, it's not a stick up! Think of it as a redistribution of your wealth!

I hate to say it, but this is the first time I've been at the opera and didn't fall asleep!

Has **Buttman** lost his touch? Where is he while the city is under siege? And help, I'm being robbed!

Prepare the **ButtMobile**, Neuman, I'm going into Got'em!

The **ButtMobile** is prepared and it's already in Got'em!

You're very efficient, Neuman, but I think that's too efficient! How did the **ButtMobile** get to town without me?

Master **Gravestone** took it, sir! As you can see, I tried to stop him!





It puzzles me:  
How come Buttman  
always comes  
crashing through  
the ceilings or  
windows? He never  
walks through a door!

If you dressed  
like that  
would you  
walk in  
through a door?

Hey!  
Another  
fight  
scene,  
right  
on  
time!

You bet!  
They have  
one every 20  
minutes to  
keep up the  
energy level  
of the film!



Those  
villains  
won't get  
away with  
this! I  
pull on my  
ButtBelt  
and —

Your  
ButtTights  
fall down  
to  
reveal  
your  
ButtBriefs!

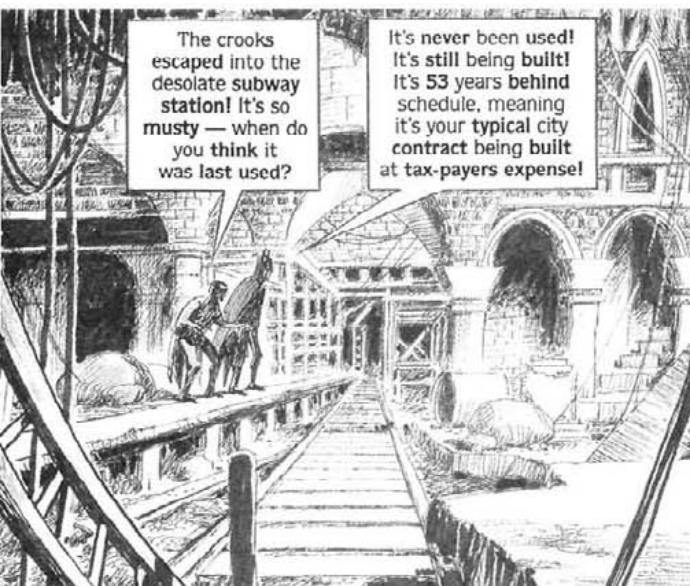
I can't get the hang  
of this new outfit!  
One of these buckles  
has a rocket launcher!  
No, that one releases  
my garters — Neuman  
should label all this!

I'll chase the  
thugs while  
you work out  
the kinks in  
your ButtSuit!  
Be careful  
what you  
pull out next!



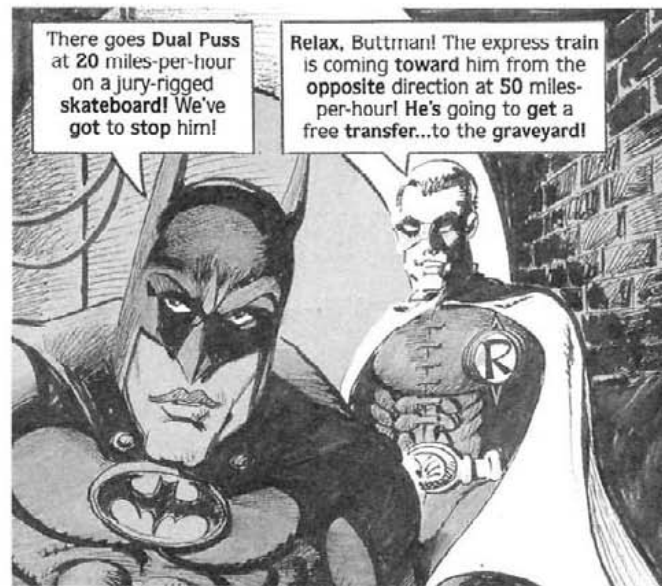
The crooks  
escaped into the  
desolate subway  
station! It's so  
musty — when do  
you think it  
was last used?

It's never been used!  
It's still being built!  
It's 53 years behind  
schedule, meaning  
it's your typical city  
contract being built  
at tax-payers expense!



There goes Dual Puss  
at 20 miles-per-hour  
on a jury-rigged  
skateboard! We've  
got to stop him!

Relax, Buttman! The express train  
is coming toward him from the  
opposite direction at 50 miles-  
per-hour! He's going to get a  
free transfer...to the graveyard!

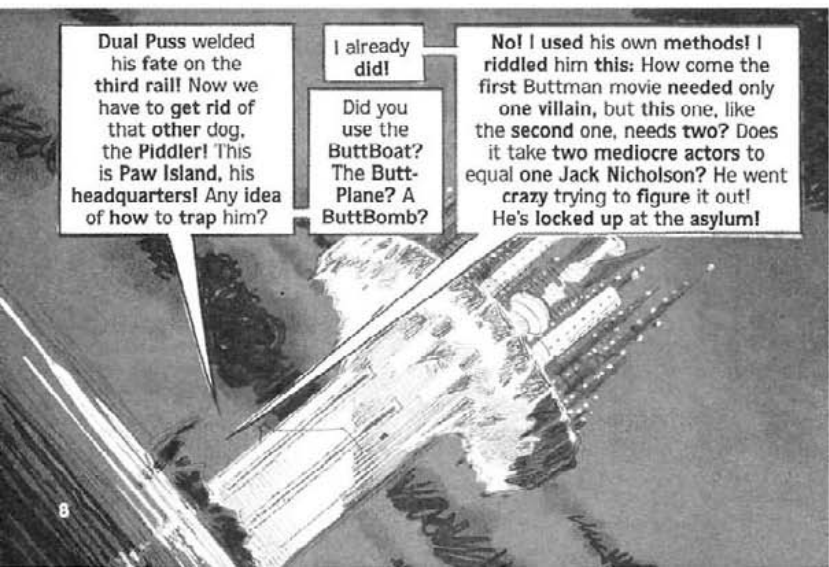


Dual Puss welded  
his fate on the  
third rail! Now we  
have to get rid of  
that other dog,  
the Piddler! This  
is Paw Island, his  
headquarters! Any idea  
of how to trap him?

I already  
did!

Did you  
use the  
ButtBoat?  
The Butt-  
Plane? A  
ButtBomb?

No! I used his own methods! I  
riddled him this: How come the  
first Buttman movie needed only  
one villain, but this one, like  
the second one, needs two? Does  
it take two mediocre actors to  
equal one Jack Nicholson? He went  
crazy trying to figure it out!  
He's locked up at the asylum!



We  
make  
a  
good  
team,  
don't  
we  
Buttman?

Yes, we do!  
  
Then I think  
you're going  
to love the  
new Butt-  
Signal I  
devised!

Nice Robin, but in  
these days of ultra  
right-wingers, maybe  
it's best if we keep  
our little secret  
tucked away in the  
deep dark recesses  
of the ButtCave!



If there's an especially hot place in hell, surely it is reserved for the numbskull idiot morons who write assembly instructions. Whether you're trying to put together a child's toy, an exercise bike or storage bin, if there's a way to make the instructions impossible to understand, these beanhead writers do it with ambiguous terms, technical jargon and meaningless phrases. (Then again, maybe all these instructions are clear and it's just the entire population of the planet that is "mechanically challenged".) Nah, it's them! And we wish them a pox on their house as we present. . .

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Spec-Lunge Frazzle Snips (134)  
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When assembling your RumbaFlex 2000, it is best to dress comfortably and avoid wearing fragrances. Also, to avoid tripping or stumbling during assembly, never wear shoes with tassels, festoons or jutting, beak-like appendages. By following these few simple steps, you will be able to quickly and easily assemble your RumbaFlex 2000, and start enjoying it right away. Here at Rumba Products, Inc., we like to say, "Rumba is so easy, and moist too!" ENJOY!

1) On a clean, dry surface, arrange all RumbaFlex 2000 parts in a sweeping floral pattern, making sure to weed out any with defective gaskets or pungent odors.

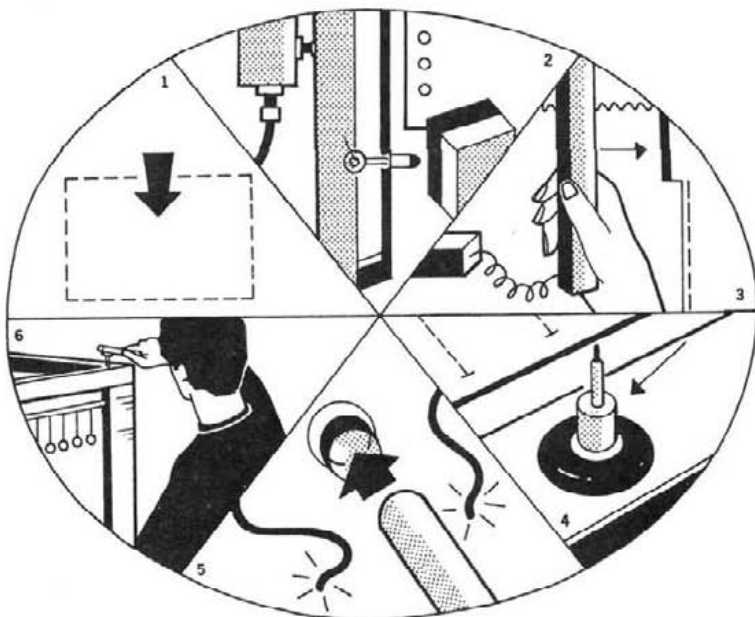
2) Attach all core grids, chassis, frames, bars, joists, blades and scoops using wood screws and epoxy. Soak all connections and joints in a zesty tomato-based sauce.

3) Join all valves, fuses, clamps, sockets and shafts with your choice of nuts and straps.

4) Insert all probes. (Keep that chamois cloth coming!)

5) Firmly attach housing and casing by wrapping flexifins around U-shaped nugget logs and crimping with your custom needle-nose "nipping grips." This is especially important for those who will be using the RumbaFlex 2000 in humid climates, during street festivals or near fishing rodeos.

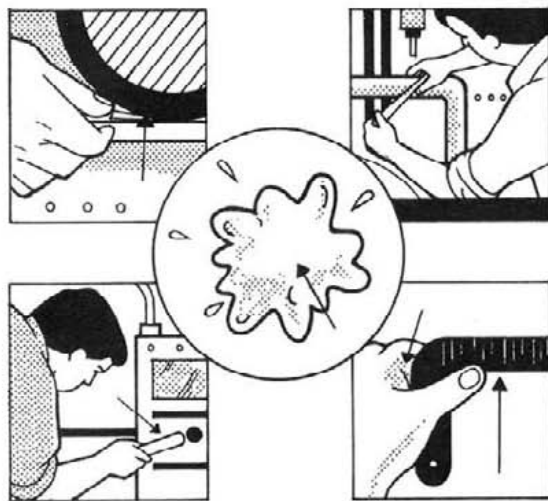
6) Finally, add decorative accessories and sporty detailing. Make your RumbaFlex 2000 a reflection of your personality—racy, reserved, bright, cheerful, morose, wacky, laconic, bloated, unctuous—whatever you like! Remember...now you're in control!



## OPERATION

*"Just Like Salsa...Only Square!"*

Your new RumbaFlex 2000 is so easy to operate, you'll think you've just flossed. But don't worry, it's the Rumba way!



1) Start your RumbaFlex 2000 by turning the ignition key and pedaling the choke roller. On cold or cloudy mornings you may experience some hesitation or sputtering in the RumbaFlex 2000 ignition mechanism. Don't worry! Unless there's a prurient discharge, a simple shim insertion beneath the sprocket reel will restore instant starting.

2) Before engaging the RumbaFlex 2000's forward rotary units or siphon puffs (They look harmless, but have you ever had a head hickey?), make sure you have secured the colorful bunting and tightened all tarpaulin lines. (Remember, Rumba's not just a name anymore! Rumba! Rumba!)

3) Choose your operation and target coordinates. It's important to choose the operation first, before selecting target coordinates. You'll avoid messy and costly mistakes, cleanup will be easier and you'll escape the itch and swelling.

4) During operation, keep a firm grip on all backhoe levers, without neglecting the deli meats. With the RumbaFlex 2000, you no longer have to choose between a fresh hoagie and a tingling scalp. Remember, you've chosen the best. You've chosen Rumba!

5) Once you've finished the job, it's easy to secure and store your RumbaFlex 2000 for future "Rumba Tasks"! Simply fold the juice flumes back over the cabin shelves (Don't worry! The snaps are there!), zip up the forward dickey crispers, and spread a little "Hasty-Jam" paste across the injection nodes.

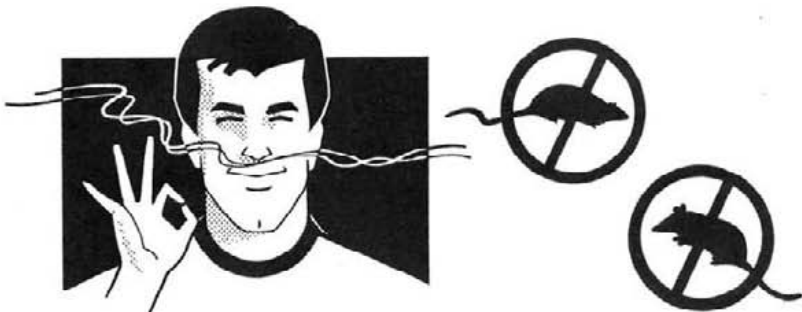
And that's it! Your RumbaFlex 2000 is safely stored and protected, ready to once again serve all your Rumba needs.

## MAINTENANCE

*"Never Too Tight! Never Too Thick!"*

The RumbaFlex 2000 practically takes care of itself. And with its new "Auto-Whisk" mechanism, you'll never have to spackle again. Just make sure to follow these simple steps on a regular basis, and your new RumbaFlex will give you years and years of trouble-free operation.

1) Buff all towels at least every three weeks. You'll feel better. Your RumbaFlex 2000 will cover more ground. 2) Keep the pistons and shafts free of lint, butter and aloe build-up. This can cause sticking and chin irritation, resulting in stunted horizontal thrashing. 3) Remember to flush the tubes and valves with our special "Rumba-Wash" lubricating pepper gel. This ensures firm suction and cutting motion as smooth as toast. 4) When storing your RumbaFlex 2000, be sure to place all protective cushion-boots on the external probes and blades. Also, the snack basket and steam press should be covered to prevent rust, deterioration and grass stains. 5) Remove all beef slabs and used ointment applicators from the overhead compartment. Your RumbaFlex 2000 will smell better, and rats and opossum will stay away.



The most important thing to remember about maintaining your new RumbaFlex is to relax. We've designed durability and flexibility right in. Plus, your Rumba service representative is as close as your telephone. Just call us up and say, "It's a Rumba day! And moist too!"

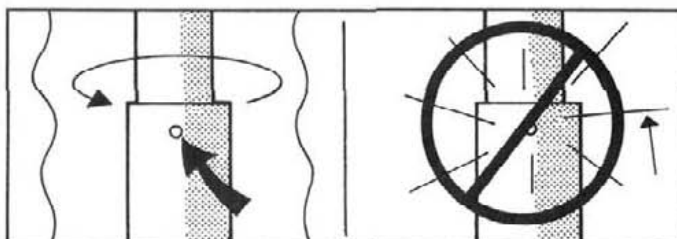


## TROUBLESHOOTING

*"Pop If It's Blue!"*

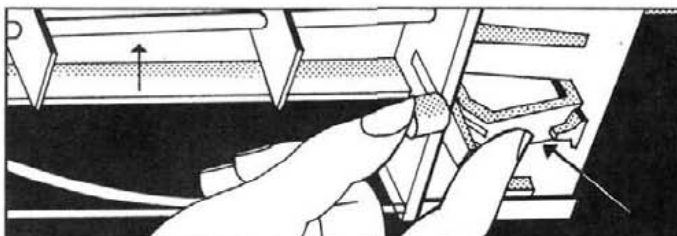
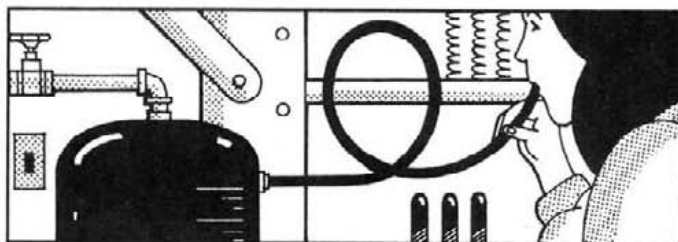
You may experience some slight initial malfunctions or operational interruptions in your new RumbaFlex 2000. Don't worry! This is normal. Any mechanism as sensitive and complex as the RumbaFlex 2000 will experience "growing pains" as its electronics and components adjust to start-up performance and your particular user environment.

To make this breaking-in period less troublesome, here are a few troubleshooting pointers:



1) A low wheezing or grinding sound in the piston buffers means there is not enough silicone putty reaching the auger hits. This is easily remedied by wedging a set of wooden soup spoons between your upper thighs during use.

2) If you experience excessive horizontal vibration when switching the vinyl chipper into mulch mode, simply shift the timing sprockets two notches toward the "stick-n-sturdy" floor struts, daub a liberal amount of McComb's "SuperSalve" grooming paste on the AZ34 gel receptacle, and continue normal operation. If vibration persists, the problem could rest in the jacketed solvent seal, in which case you're screwed.



3) When using your new RumbaFlex 2000 to bore through masonry or prepare tuna side dishes, you may notice a slight burning sensation in the pelvic region. If you find this objectionable, tighten the bypass enclosure that leads from your fabric dip tanks to the bobber bins. This should quickly ease the pressure and flush out all harsh poultry residues. Say cheese!

### WARNING!

Your new RumbaFlex 2000 is equipped with numerous multi-level, redundant safety systems to prevent personal injuries and foul odors. However, use of the RumbaFlex 2000 as a recreational vehicle, hygiene supplement or decorative centerpiece is extremely dangerous and strongly discouraged. Rumba, Inc. assumes no responsibility for any results or consequences stemming from such use.

# RumbaFlex 2000

*"Now You're In Control"*

An old riddle goes, "What has three teeth, an I.Q. of 30 and drools a lot?" Answer: "the first row of fans at a wrestling match!" We at MAD think this is highly unfair to the legions of "squared circle" aficionados who pay their hard earned money to watch overweight, sweaty guys pretend to maim and cripple each other. It takes a special kind of individual to appreciate the beauty and grace in such stupid violence. Clearly, these devoted ring rooters have their own twisted perspective, as you'll see in...

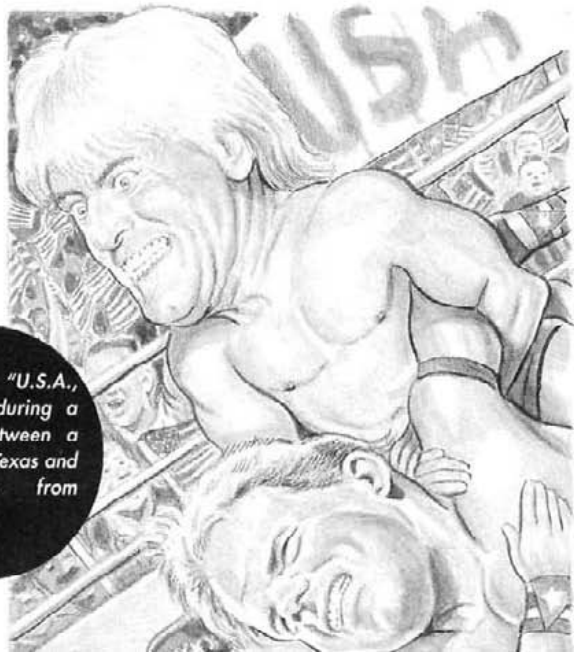
# ONLY A WRESTLING FAN COULD EVER...

ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN



...totally despise that evil, scum-of-the-earth rat bastard wrestler...until the moment he turns good!



...chant "U.S.A., U.S.A.!" during a match between a guy from Texas and a guy from Michigan!

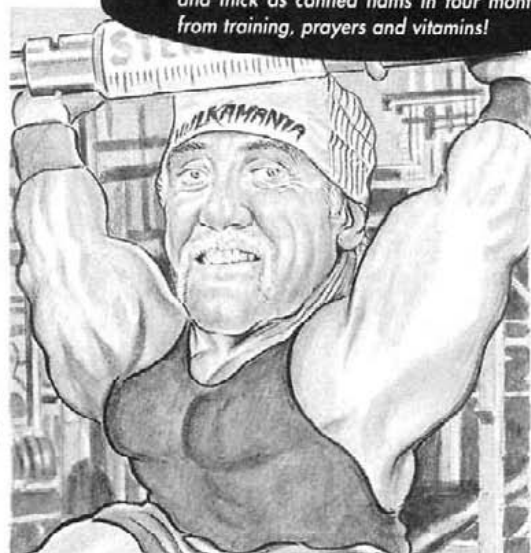


...mail video copies of outrageous referee mistakes, so the league will review the tapes and reverse the bad decisions!





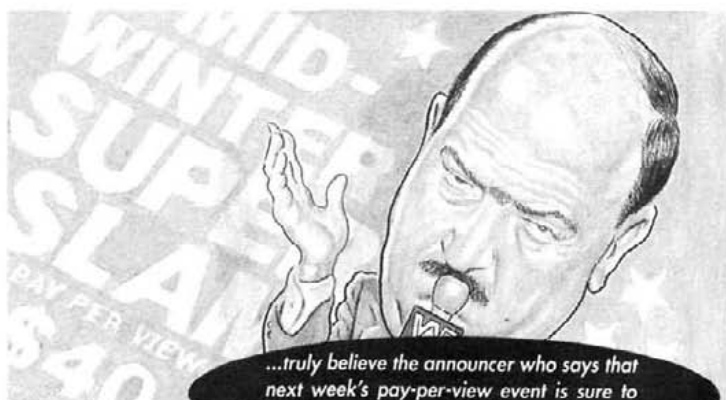
...think that the wrestler who's receiving a trophy from his devoted fan club will ever get it home to his shelf!



...believe that you can get forearms as big and thick as canned hams in four months from training, prayers and vitamins!



...see nothing wrong with a brother-brother tag team where the two siblings are 37 years apart in age!



...truly believe the announcer who says that next week's pay-per-view event is sure to be "the greatest one EVER!"



...worry whether the new Clinton health care plan will provide universal coverage to wrestlers who accidentally swallow turnbuckles!



...comprehend the by-laws of physics that say if you jump 15 feet in the air and land on top of a lumpy, bony wrestler, you'll be fine—but if he moves, and you land on a padded, flat surface, you'll be knocked silly!



...assume that after being brutally assaulted by three wrestlers and a manager with chairs, canes and electric cattle prods, the only medical way for a wrestler to recover physically is if the audience claps rhythmically!



...paint flashy warrior designs onto their face with indelible dye!



...wonder about the outcome of a match between Steve "Spleenbuster" Spasm (managed by professor Frederick von Rack, and accompanied by Myron the gecko lizard)...and Sam Johnson!

...laugh at those amateurish wimps in the Olympics who don't even know how to apply a good "camel clutch"!





The person you ask may be just another clown with an attitude...

EY, WADDO I LOOK LIKE?  
RAND FREAKIN' McNALLY ??!

The person you ask

MARIA'S?... NINE MILES DOWN  
THIS ROAD, TAKE A LEFT ON  
RIDGEMONT AND IT'S ANOTHER  
FIVE MILES... YOU CAN'T MISS IT!

#### LOST CAUSE AND EFFECT DEPT.

There are some things that men do that women just can't fathom. Like not calling when they say they will (so what?) and not washing their hands after using the bathroom (big deal!) But there's one thing that men do that really drives women bonkers. No matter how lost he is, no matter how many wrong turns he makes, a man behind the wheel will never pull over and ask for assistance. Women think this is because men are pig-headed macho morons. But as usual, women are wrong! Men have well thought out reasons for all their actions. As is plainly evident in...

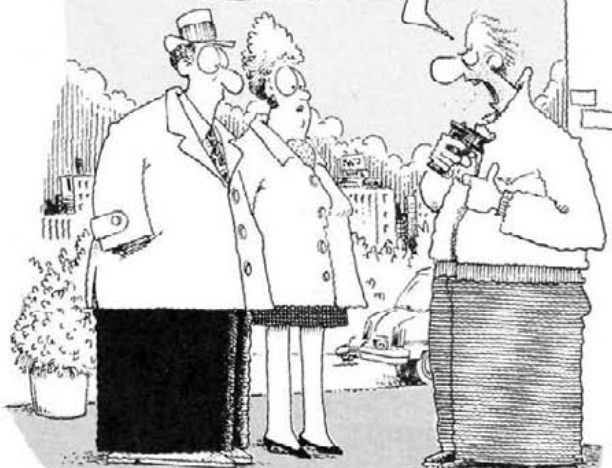
# The Real Reasons Why

The person you ask may be a mime...



The person you ask might take you too literally...

YOU WANNA KNOW  
THE QUICKEST WAY TO GET  
TO THE AGNEWski BROTHERS  
FUNERAL PARLOR???



may have a reason to lie...



The person you ask might be a historian...

CLIFTON COMMONS? WHY THAT'S ALL PART OF THE OLD BAINBRIDGE SPREAD... COMMODORE BAINBRIDGE RAISED RYE AND BARLEY UP THERE DURING THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR... SEEMS THE OLD BIRD WAS MARRIED TO A FULL BLOODED PEQUOT SQUAW... SO YOU CAN IMAGINE THE TORIES DIDN'T TAKE KINDLY TO HIM... HIS NEPHEW RAYMOND BECAME THE FIRST LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IN 1804... NOW LONG ABOUT 1816 THE OLD MAN.....



# Men Don't Ask Directions

ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL

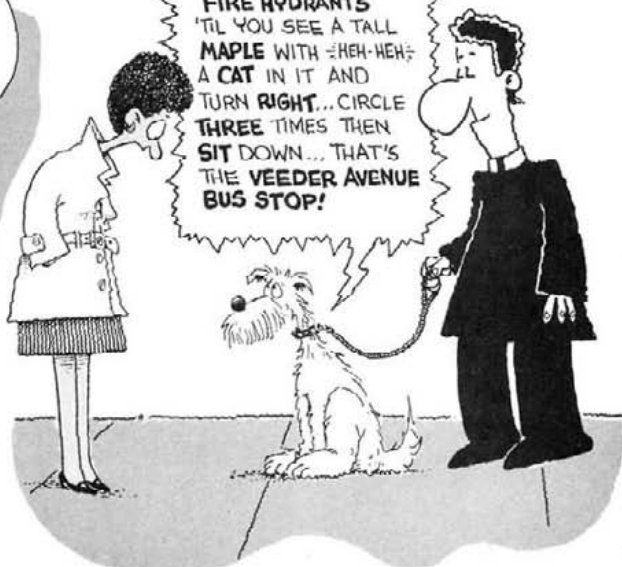
The person you ask may be with the C.I.A...

I COULD TELL YOU...  
BUT THEN I'D  
HAVE TO KILL YOU.



The person you ask may be a ventriloquist...

GO DOWN THREE  
FIRE HYDRANTS  
'TIL YOU SEE A TALL  
MAPLE WITH ~~HEH-HEH~~  
A CAT IN IT AND  
TURN RIGHT... CIRCLE  
THREE TIMES THEN  
SIT DOWN... THAT'S  
THE VEEDER AVENUE  
BUS STOP!





If you watch Donahue, Oprah, Sally Jessy and their clones you know that everyone in America is, potentially, a victim! Trouble is, with 412 of these gab-fests on daily, they've pretty much covered the existing "victimography" over and over again! (Think about it: which show hasn't "done" bullmics 10 times?) Well, since Montel, Ricki, and Bertice don't seem to mind re-hashing the same old stale victims ad infinitum, it falls to us at MAD (as always!) to steer them back onto the cutting edge of self-pity: to ferret out the "Whiners of Tomorrow" and introduce you to the...

# NEW VICTIM GROUPS for the '90s

ARTIST: SHARY FLENNIKEN

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

When a Couch Potato eats French fries, is it a form of cannibalism?



"CO-DEPENDENTS of Co-Dependents"



"NEWSCASTERS Assigned Stories With the Word Penis in Them"



"MINOR CAR-CRASH VICTIMS Who Didn't Get the \$2.1 Million Promised in Their Lawyer's TV Ad"



**"TOBACCO EXECUTIVES** and Gun Manufacturers Called to Testify Before Congress"



**"EX-CAST MEMBERS OF MTV'S THE REAL WORLD** now Forced to Cope With the Real 'Real World'"

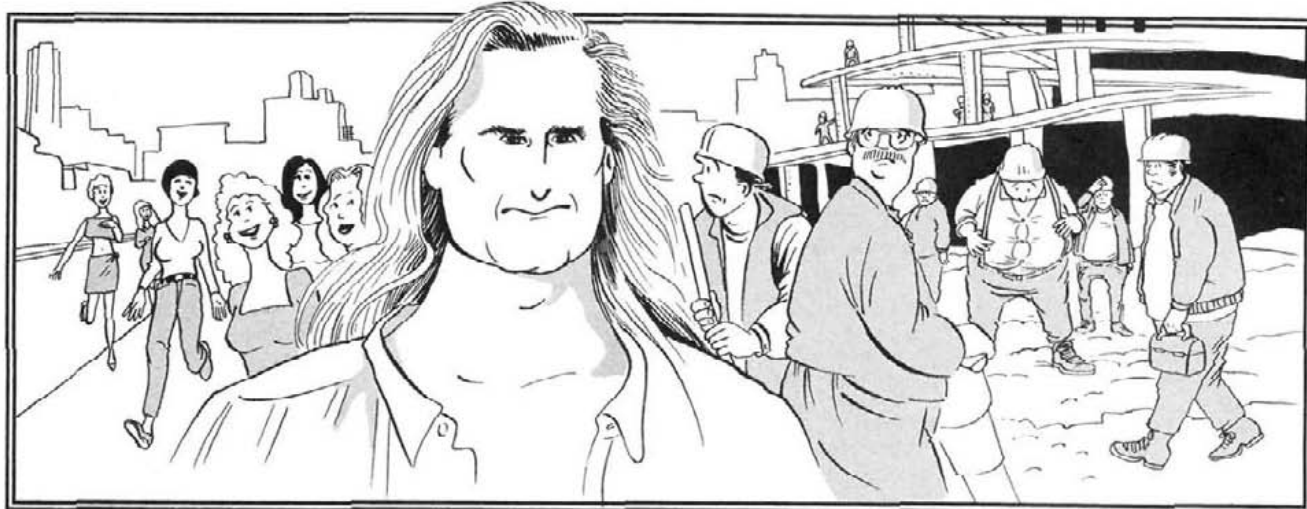


**"SURVIVORS** of Speeches by Ross Perot"



**"BARBRA STREISAND FANS** Made Homeless by her Concert Ticket Prices"





**"MEN with Fabio-envy"**



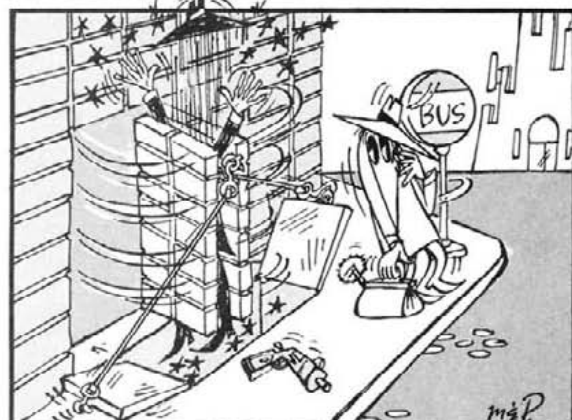
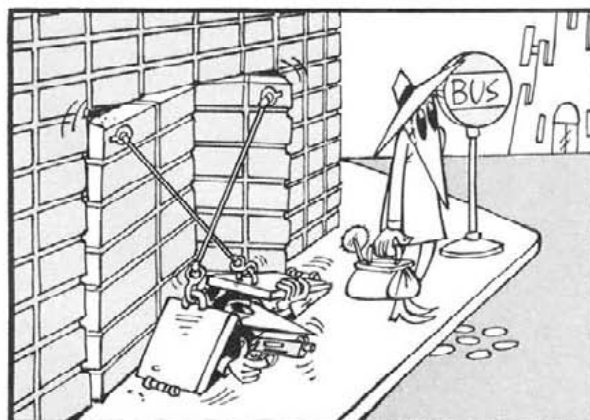
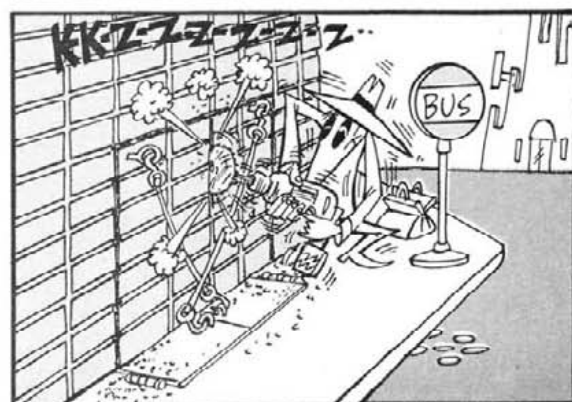
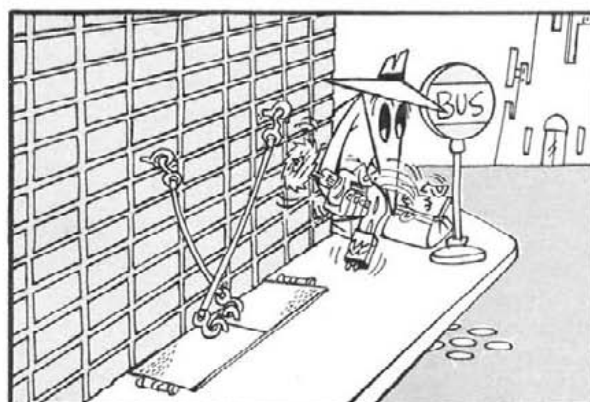
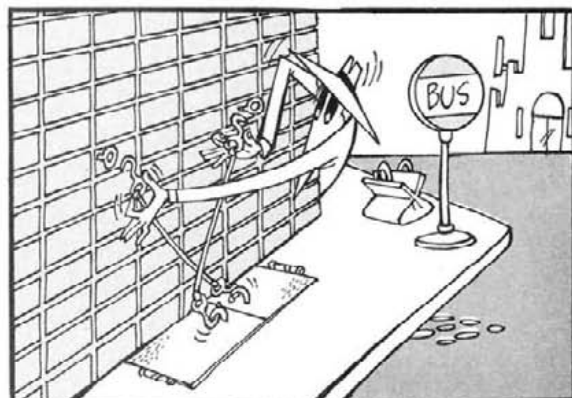
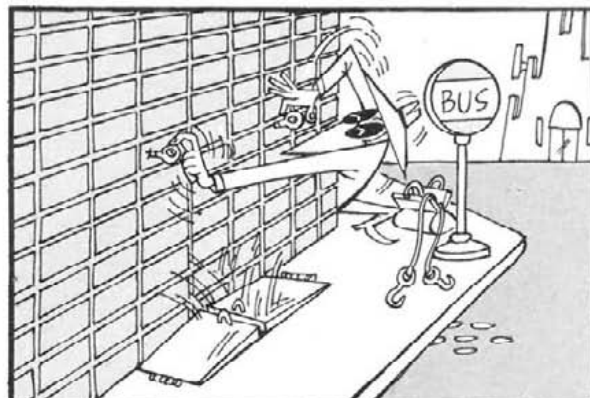
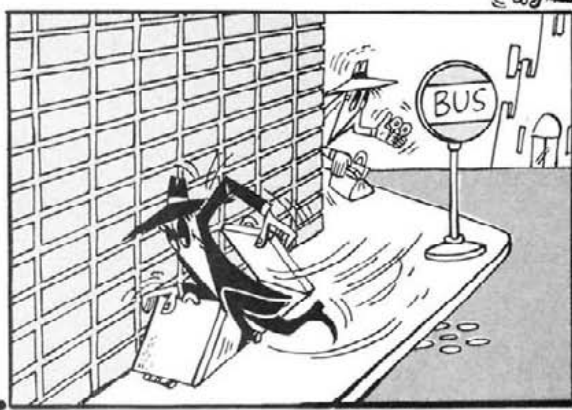
**"BALD GUYS Who Actually Fell for Spray-On Hair"**



**"LUMBERJACKS Mistaken for Seattle 'Grunge-Rock' Musicians"**



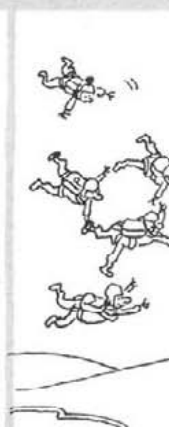
**"WOMEN Harassed by Female Co-Workers into Filing Sexual-Harassment Complaints"**



# A MAD LOOK AT V



If cigarettes are "coffin nails," is chewing tobacco "coffin glue"?





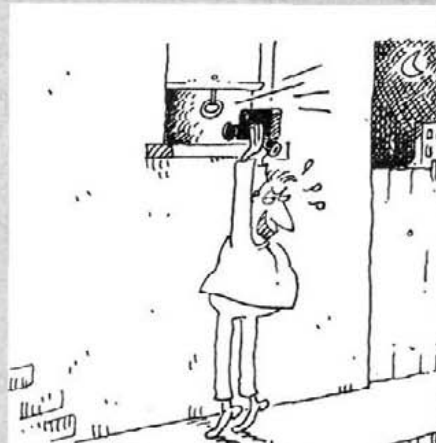
# VIDEO CAMERAS

ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES

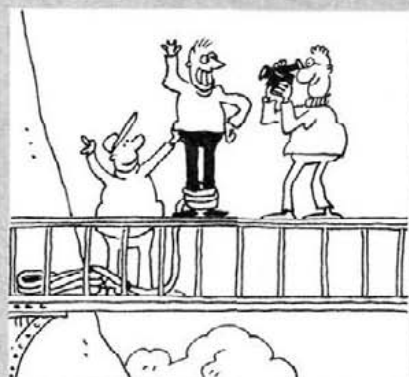


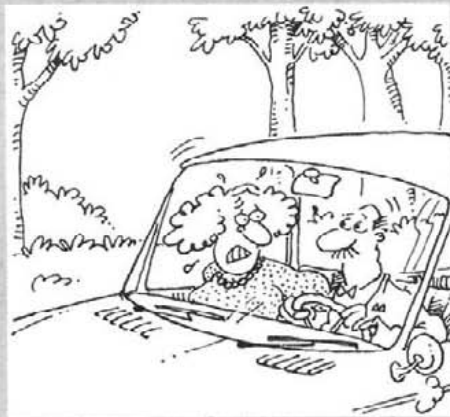
If a "baker's dozen" is thirteen, would a "politician's dozen" be eleven?



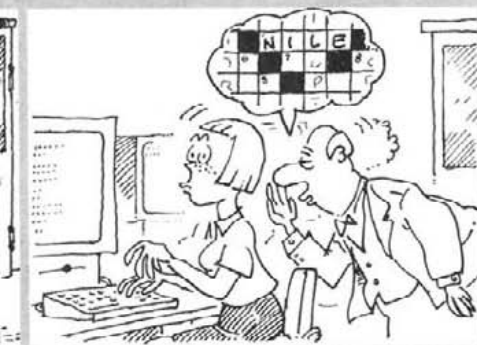


When it says "Sodium Free," is the product free of sodium, or are they just not charging us for the salt?





If sugar rots teeth, does Nutra-Sweet rot dentures?





**Spencer Christian**  
*Good Morning America Weatherman*

**Mike Levey**  
*Amazing Discoveries Host*

**What They Say...**

**What They Really Mean...**

I'm not touching that one with a ten-foot pole!

I can't think of a single thing to say about it. We usually script everything!



**What They Say...**

**What They Really Mean...**

Folks, is this fantastic car polish or what?

Okay audience, clause 3B of your contract requires you to holler in approval at this juncture.



**TWIN SPEAKS DEPT.**

Boy, do we hate those untalented, obnoxious TV personalities. (We're jealous because they make more money than us!) All they do is sit there and read copy from cue cards. (We would kill for an easy, cushy job like that!) But sometimes what comes out of their mouths isn't really the entire message. (Introductions to MAD articles often have nothing interesting to say and are just fluff!) You'll see what we mean as we expose (we had two pages to fill and nothing better to run)...

# TV PI

## What They Say and

**Conan O'Brien**  
*Late Night Host*

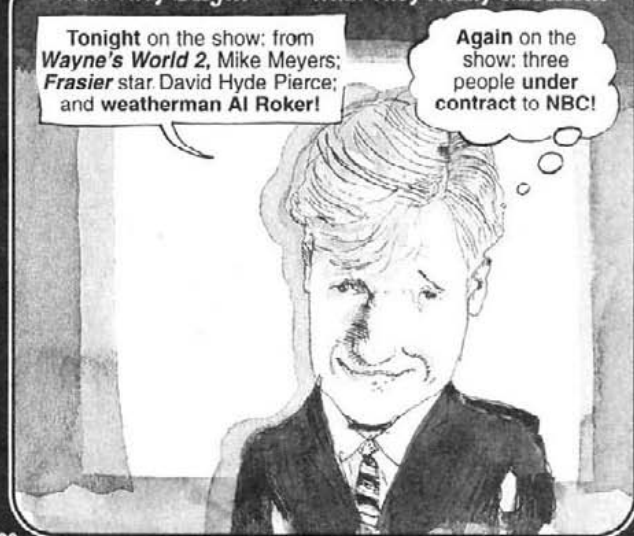
**Larry King**  
*Larry King Live Host*

**What They Say...**

**What They Really Mean...**

Tonight on the show: from *Wayne's World 2*, Mike Meyers; *Frasier* star David Hyde Pierce; and weatherman Al Roker!

Again on the show: three people under contract to NBC!



**What They Say...**

**What They Really Mean...**

Caller, what is the QUESTION?

Caller, if you can't form an interrogative statement in four seconds or less, I'll find someone in Tulsa who CAN!



**What They Say...**

On the left, I'm Michael Kinsley!

On the right, I'm John Sununu!

**What They Really Mean...**

Defending Clinton regardless of the ideology it entails, I'm Michael Kinsley!

Attacking Clinton regardless of the ideology it entails, I'm John Sununu!



**What They Say...**

I'll be back in a moment, with a final program note.

**What They Really Mean...**

This show is over. We need one more commercial break to pay Diane Sawyer's salary. Please indulge us!



# PEOPLE

## d What They Really Mean

ARTIST: BARRY BLITT

WRITER: GREG ECKLER

**Dana Carvey**  
*on Saturday Night Live*

**What They Say...**

After being a cast member for so many years, it's a really special thrill to come back as host!

**What They Really Mean...**

After bombing in four consecutive movies, it's a special thrill to give a performance that some people will actually see!



**Bryant Gumbel**  
*Today Show Host*

**What They Say...**

I've re-signed for three more years on the Today Show because there are no greater people in the world to work with!

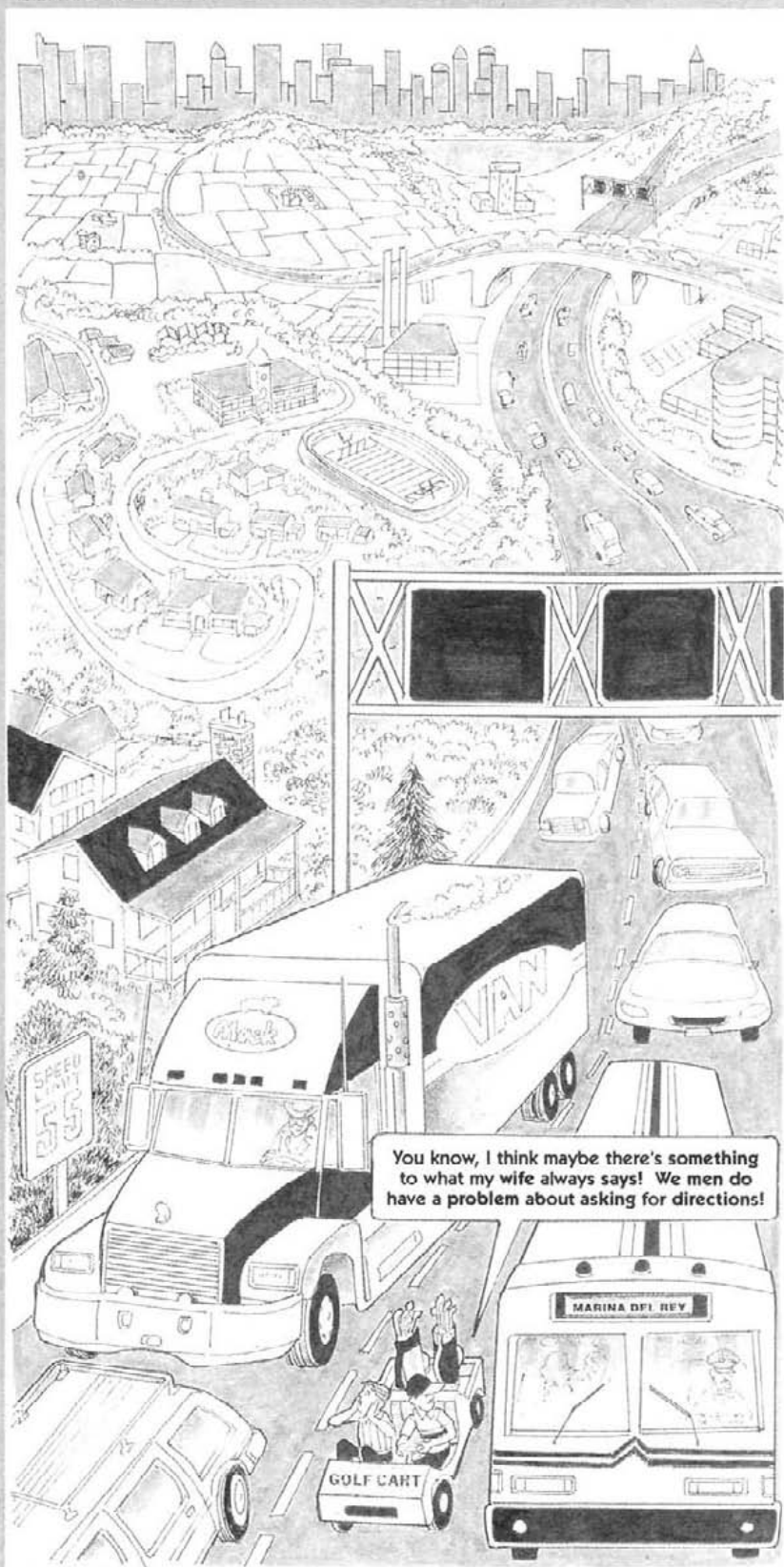
**What They Really Mean...**

The bidding war I anticipated never materialized!



# THE LIGHTER SIDE OF...

ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG





## CRIME



## GIFTS



## DISASTER



If you filled a toilet bowl with water from the Bermuda Triangle, would it eliminate the need to flush?

## SCHOOL

Roger, why do you think there have been so many wars through history?

Because people don't respect other people's opinions!



Hah! That's a very stupid answer!



## PLEASURE

I can see why you're so excited about flying, Benjamin! It must be the second greatest feeling in the world!

Really? What's the first greatest feeling?



## VIEWING

All day long, all that kid does is stare at that screen and play those games!

I know! Isn't it wonderful?



## THERAPY

Roberta, you look very troubled! It's obvious you have some serious problems!

Yes, I do, Dr. Forman!



# REVENGE

He's finally out of the habit of watching television all day long!



I like that in a patient!



Landing safely!



I can't go to the movies with you Saturday! I'm grounded!



It's not fair that parents have all this power to control our lives and we can't do anything about it!



Not yet! But our time will come when we have to choose nursing homes!





# THE OFFICE

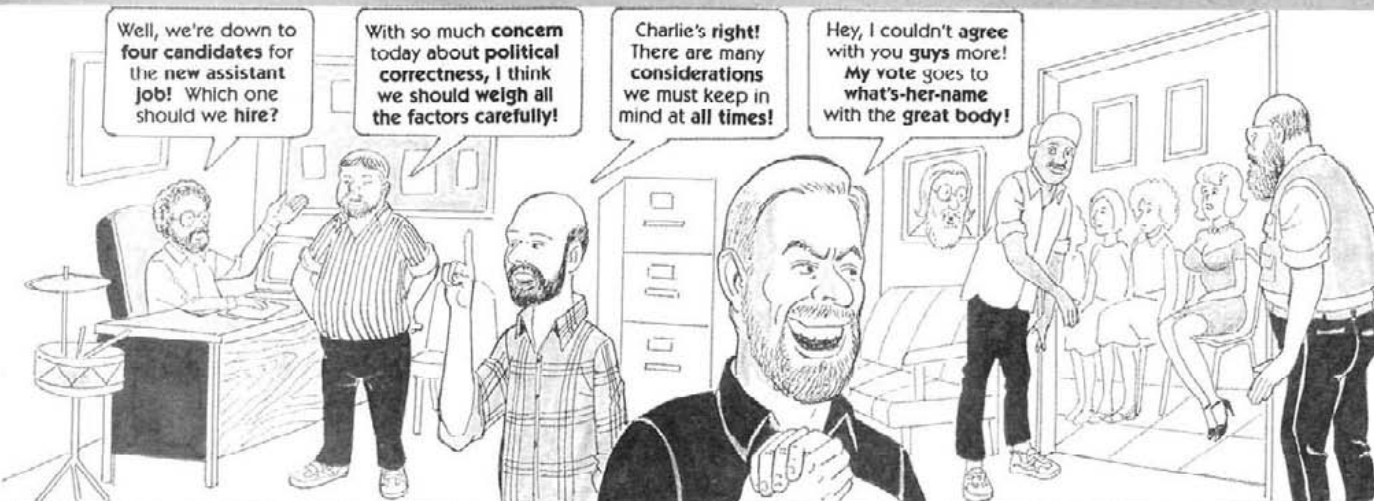


Well, we're down to four candidates for the new assistant job! Which one should we hire?

With so much concern today about political correctness, I think we should weigh all the factors carefully!

Charlie's right! There are many considerations we must keep in mind at all times!

Hey, I couldn't agree with you guys more! My vote goes to what's-her-name with the great body!



## LOGIC

Patti, spread out these newspapers for the dog!

How come? He can't read!



## DOCTORS

Kaputnik! I heard you talking to my receptionist! What's all this talk about "intensive care"? There's nothing wrong with you!

I was just going over the bill you sent me! It's going to put my wallet in intensive care!



Children aren't stupid, they're naive! Children aren't dumb, they're uninformed! Children aren't putzes — all right, maybe they are! The point is youngsters need not be so ignorant of the sick world in which we are all hopelessly trapped. In fact, they can become as aware and depressed as the rest of us once they start playing with these...

# TOYS INSPIRED BY TODAY'S HEADLINES



ARTIST AND WRITER: PAUL PETER PORGES

## San Andreas Fault Doll House



Amaze your friends with this miniature replica of a house precariously situated on the edge of a genuine tectonic plate! Watch the house shake (and maybe even collapse!) at flick of mini-earthquake simulator switch. Live wires produce realistic sparks and miniature dolls emit shrieks of fear. Structural damage guaranteed! Mini-Richter scale sold separately.

## Little Miss Marcia Clark Outfit



For little girls everywhere who want to dress up like America's District Attorney Sweetheart! Includes no-nonsense, ever-so-slightly above the knee skirt, top-buttoned blouse, spiffy leather briefcase and an impressive supply of search warrants and signed subpoenas. Perfect for youngsters who love law enforcement or Court TV.

## Munici-opoly (Bankruptcy Board Game)



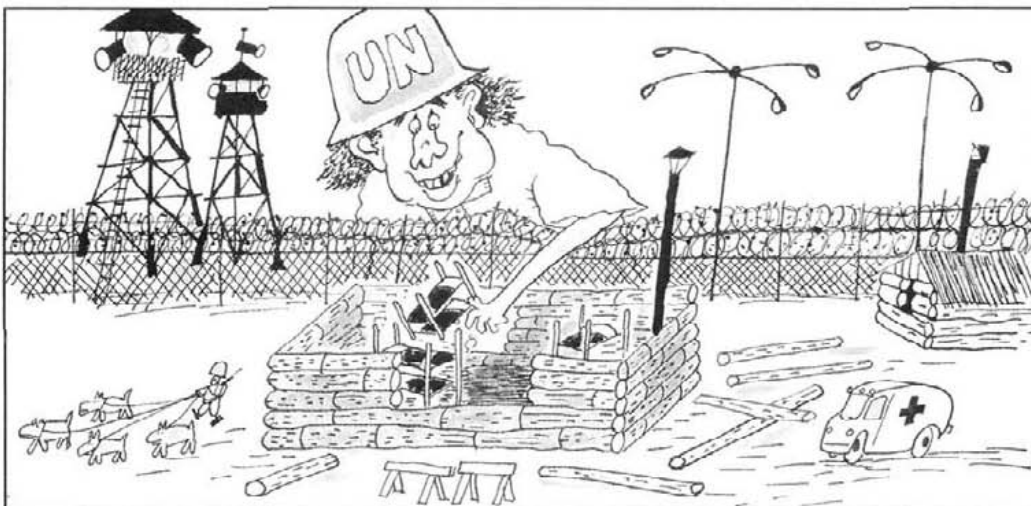
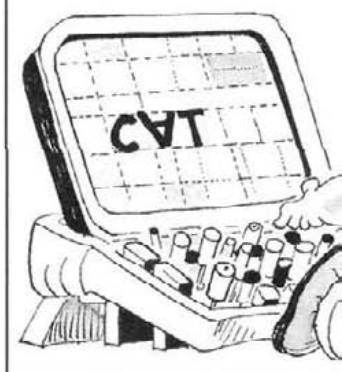
This inventive updating of the classic Monopoly Board Game mirrors today's woeful economic climate. Designed by high-ranking politicians in Orange County, California, the game accommodates four to six players who choose from junkbonds, high risk securities, derivatives and unsecured loans to force their opponents into Chapter 11, or hilarious receivership! The game ends when public services are shut down, everyone is laid off, and City Hall is auctioned away to the highest foreign nation bidder.

## Grounded Commuter Plane Set

This working model of the American Eagle comes complete with a dangerous build-up of ice on its wings. Engine sputters and emits smoke, just like the real thing! Comes complete with hand-operated foam dispenser for dousing pesky blazes. Emergency crew with police cars, fire trucks and incinerated victims sold separately.



## Baby Computer W



## Refugee Log Camp Construction Model

Fully equipped with ineffectual U.N. peacekeeping soldiers, powerless international observers and overwhelmed relief workers, Refugee Log Camp can be quickly assembled and torn down for easy relocation pending border disputes. Additional convoys of medical supplies, food and blankets can be ordered, though there's no guarantee they'll ever arrive.





## Super-Powered Newtman



The novelty toy of the year, perfect for right wing toddlers! Newtman comes fully assembled with moveable legs ready to kick the daylights out of Democrats, A.C.L.U. lawyers, welfare recipients, unwed mothers and "counter-culturalists." A great gift for any child who hopes to one day pray in school. Additional Congressmen may be bought cheaply.

## Hostile Virus



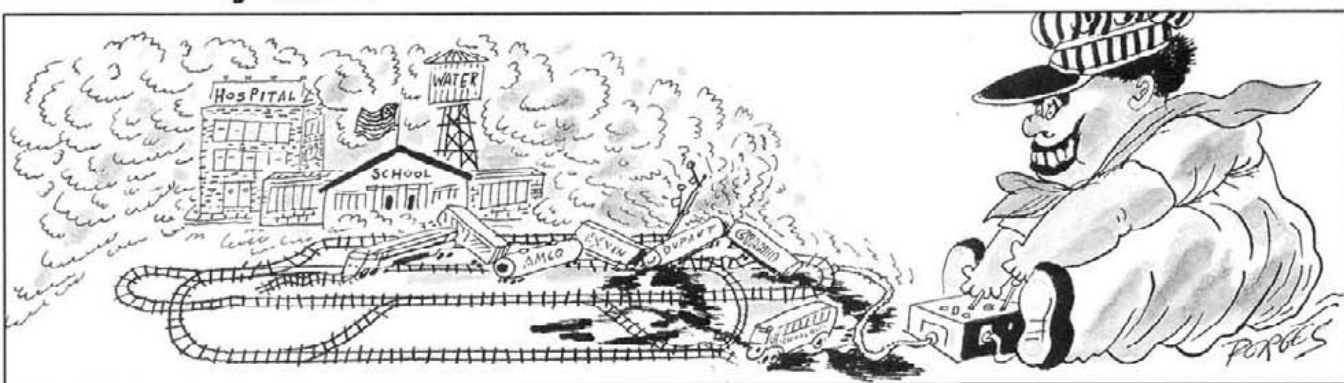
Programmed with the latest versions of DOS and Windows, this state of the art machine is designed to prepare children for the frustrating, impersonal, glitch-filled world of computers. This system is guaranteed to malfunction in a variety of unexpected ways, including lengthy periods of down time, keyboard lock and mysterious beeping noises. Guaranteed to crash in six months or your money back!

## Eco-Disaster Bathtub Kit



Turn your bathtub into a horribly polluted mini-ocean by creating your own environmental calamities, including Industrial Oil Spill and Tuna-Net Fishing Catastrophe. Deluxe kit includes remote control, foot-long fishing boat /oil tanker which leaks at the push of a button, realistic models of oil-drenched ducks, otters and other innocent sea creatures, plus fishermen's net filled with trapped rubber dolphins.

## Derailed Toy Train



This is the next best thing to actually riding Amtrak! Frozen and faulty switches guarantee train will jump track and cause massive destruction seconds after it starts. School buses provided to stage tragic crashes at unguarded crossings.

# Goofus and Gallant's



Gallant is always responsible and prepared for any encounter.



Goofus checks the refrigerator for a piece of Saran Wrap.



Although confident of his health, Gallant has still taken the proper battery of medical tests, just to be sure.



Gallant knows that language is a powerful weapon against female empowerment, and always chooses his words carefully.



Goofus insists that "bodacious beef bazookas" is a *compliment*, for cryin' out loud!



Gallant would never think of trying anything with a woman without getting her explicit consent first.

who always does his chores, cleans his plate and respects his elders. Naturally, it's Goofus who tortures animals, bullies the weak and generally has a great time! The real problem is that these barons of behavioral modification have been going at it forever! Aren't they a little old to be promoting bicycle safety? Quick! Before the century ends, let's finally see the goody-goody and the crumb-bum act their ages, with...

# Guide to Sex & Dating

ARTIST: DAVE MANAK WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN



Goofus is pretty sure that the green stuff he coughs up every morning is just phlegm.



Thinking it unseemly, Gallant never discusses ultra-personal details in those face-to-face sex talks with the guys.



Goofus agrees; after all, that's what the Internet is for.



Goofus says that if she didn't want it, she never should've ordered the fancy salad.



Gallant thinks dining al fresco is good for a first date, because the casual atmosphere and the constant street traffic help take the pressure off.



Goofus prefers to eat outside too, in case he has to cut one.



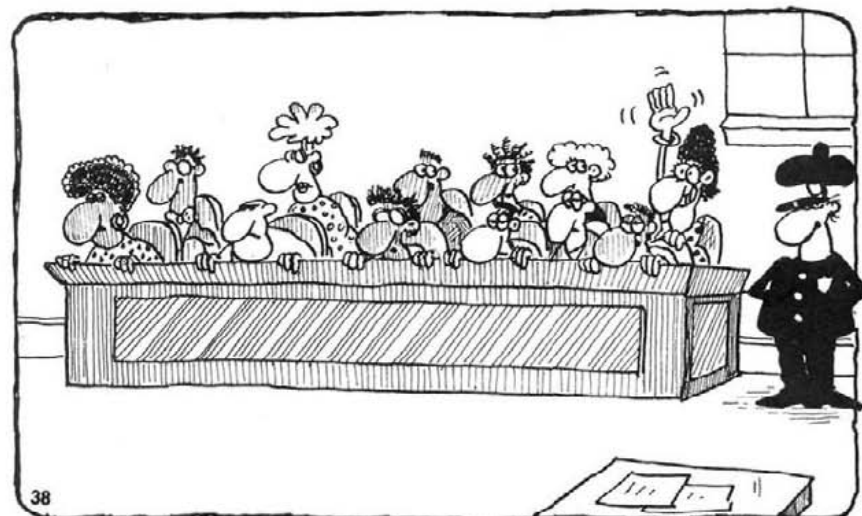
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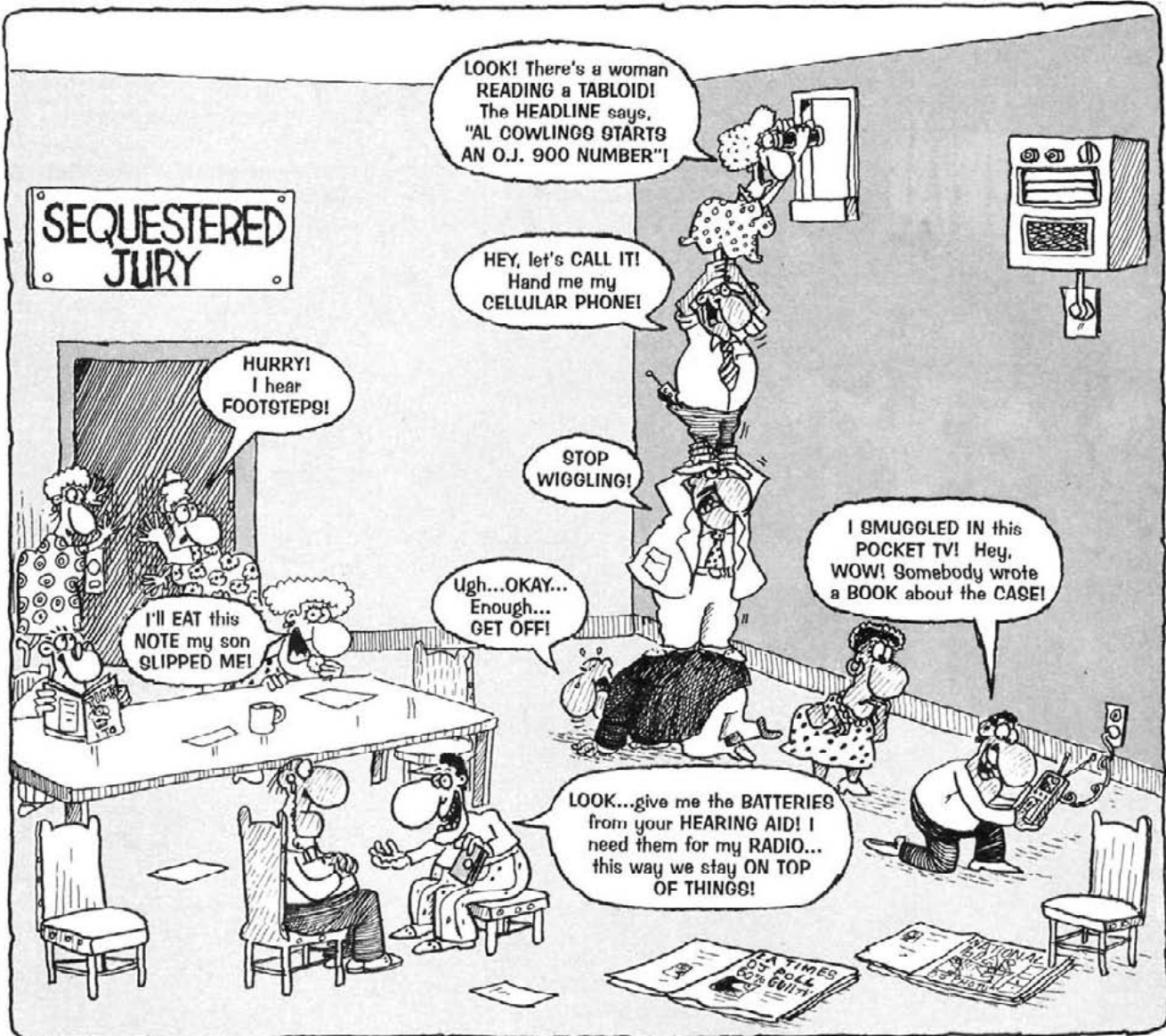
# PERSECUTING THE JUICE DEPT.

These days the media are obsessed with the O.J. trial. Trouble is, most reports are filled with lies, innuendo and made-up "facts"! Let's face it, only one person can reveal the true truth in "Neato" Ito's courtroom — our intrepid reporter! So all please rise! It's...

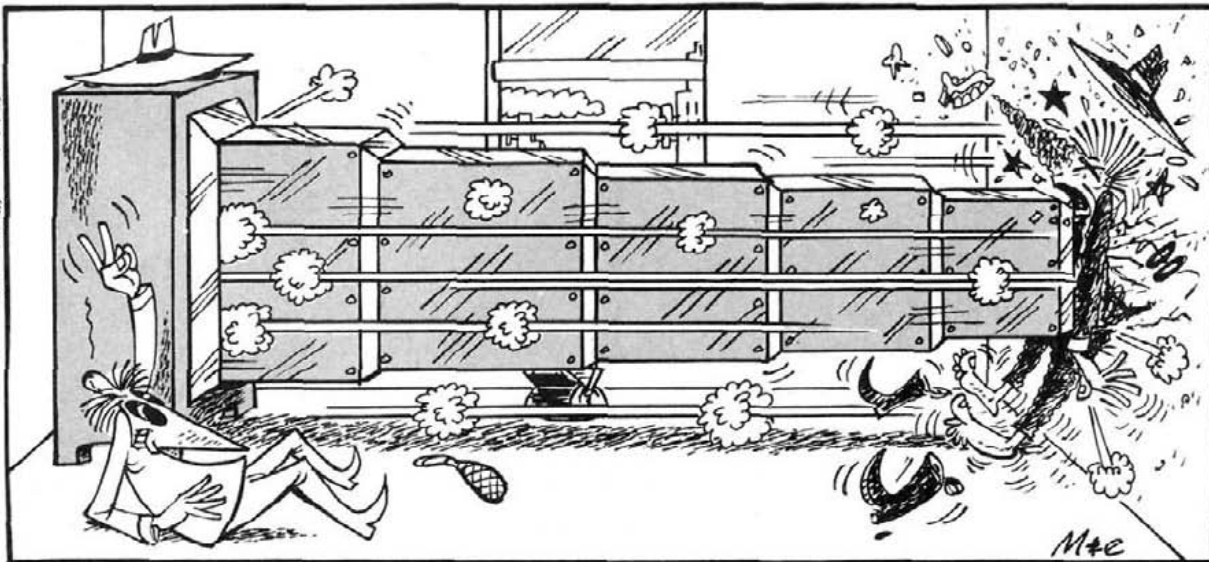
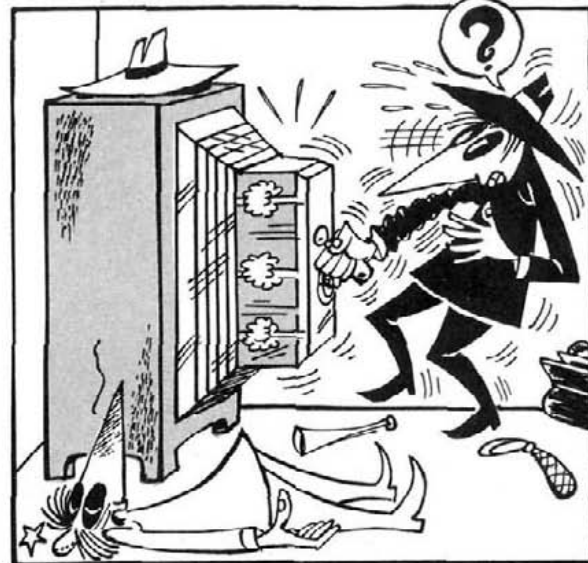
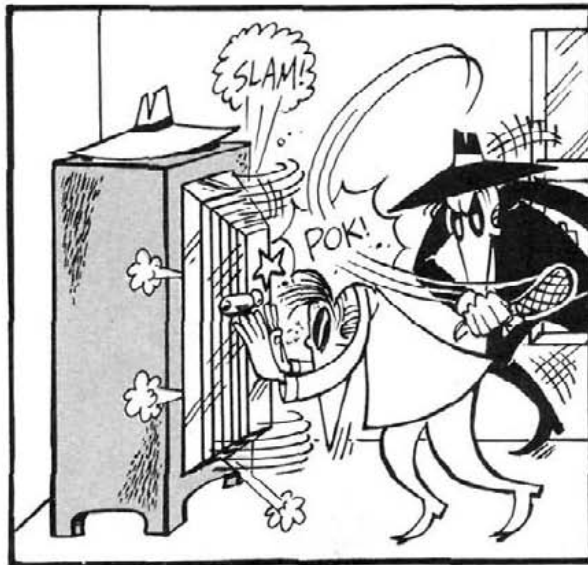
# DUCK EDWING SEQUESTERED AT











His film career shot into the stratosphere when he played the James Bond of the animal kingdom in *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective*. . .



And if that movie's plot weren't stupid enough, he followed it up by playing a flesh and blood cartoon character in *The Mask*. . .



# Visits THE LARRY

Who'd you book as guests for tonight's show?

It's going to be fantastic—just one quest! He's the hottest new movie star. Jim Carrey! We're the only late night show he's doing and you get to spend the whole hour with him!

I can't stand Jim Carrey! His movies are an insult to a moron's intelligence!

I can't stand him, either! But it's sweeps week and we're nose to nose with Leno and Letterman! We need the ratings!

Artie, is there anything you wouldn't do for ratings?

Yeah! Spend two full hours with Jim Carrey!

I can't tell you how happy we are to have you on the show! I just love your work! I've seen every one of your "Ernest" movies!



It's a real pleasure to welcome you to our show, Jim! You made a great impression with your first starring role as "Ace Ventura, Putz Detective..."

That's "Pet Detective," Larry!

Not the movie I saw! Tell me, Jim, how does it feel to be an overnight success?

Actually, success didn't come just overnight! I spent 15 years working the comedy clubs and six years on *In Living Color*!

How did that show's audience accept you?

Not too well, Larry! Whenever I came on, a lot of them thought there was something wrong with the "contrast knob" on their TV sets!

Jim, some people have said that your movies seem to glorify stupidity! What do you say to that?



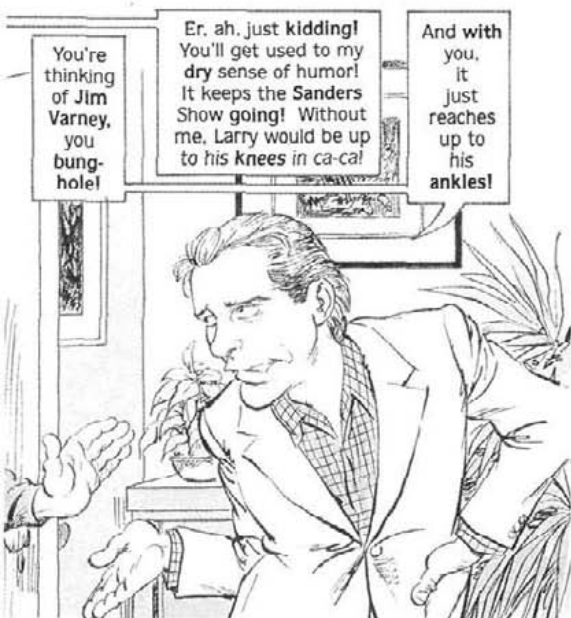
Since his career just keeps getting *Dumb and Dumber*, it seems quite appropriate that this man of many faces meets the man of many farces as...



# JIM CARREY SANDERS SHOW

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: STAN HART



You're thinking of Jim Varney, you bung-hole!

Er, ah, just kidding! You'll get used to my dry sense of humor! It keeps the Sanders Show going! Without me, Larry would be up to his knees in ca-ca!

And with you, it just reaches up to his ankles!



I think you're a riot, Mr. Carrey! Those grotesque faces you make are not to be believed!

Oh, you saw me in *The Mask*?

No! I was watching you eat your lunch in the cafeteria!



I think that there are a lot of stupid people in this country and they deserve to have their own role models and culture heroes, too! And since they're beginning to forget the coroner in the O.J. case, they now have me!

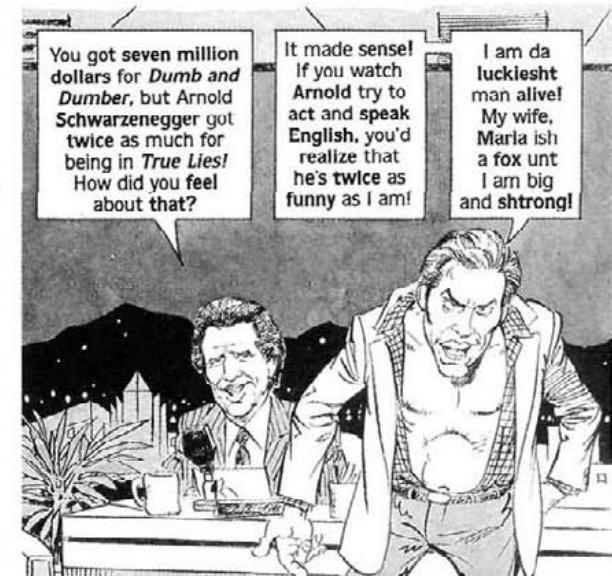
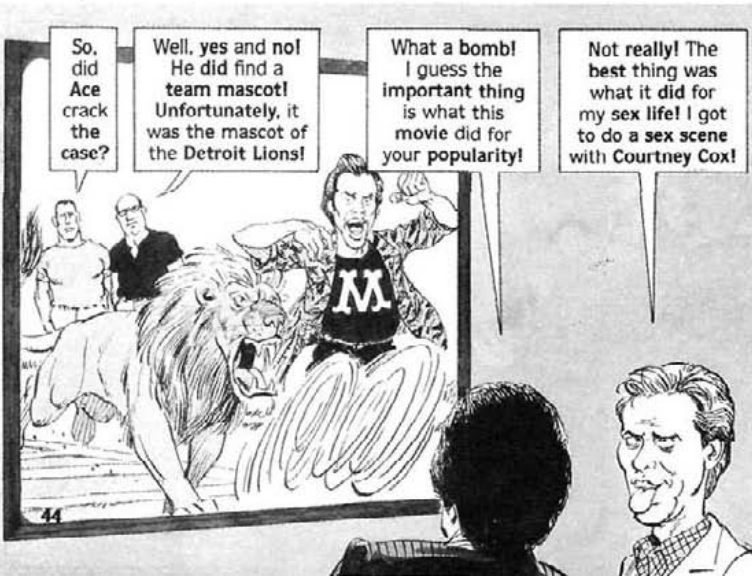
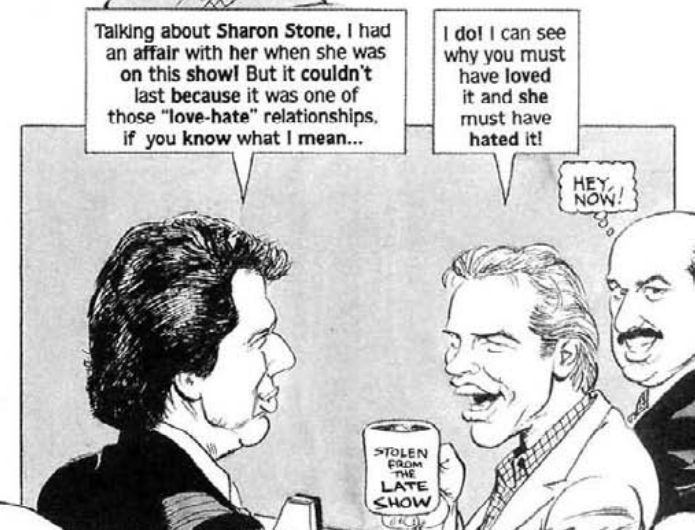
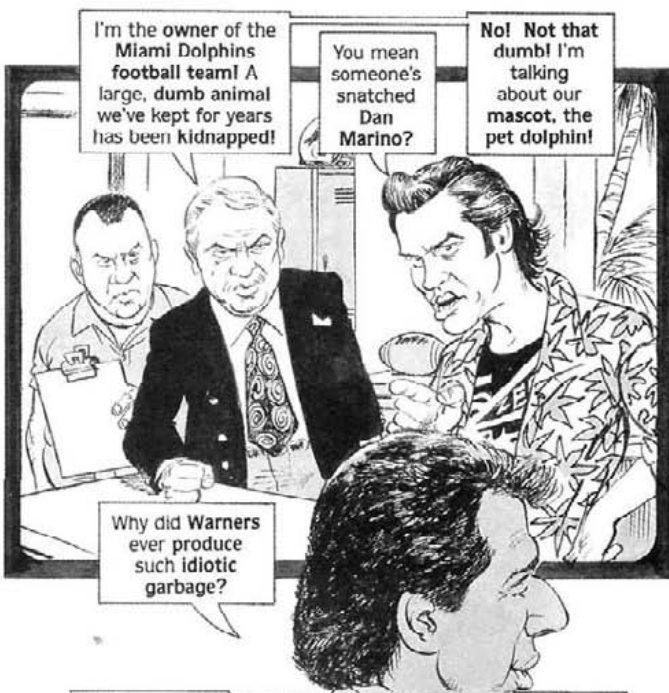


How did you feel that Forrest Gump got so many honors at this year's Academy Award ceremony and your movies hardly got a mention?

Pissed, if you must know! My character in *Dumb and Dumber* had at least a 50 point lower I.Q. than Gump, yet he gets all the credit! I'm a hell of a lot more stupid than Tom Hanks, any day in the week!

Judging on that scale, Beavis and Butt-head should have gotten The Irving Thalberg Lifetime Achievement Award! Let's jog our audience's memory with a few scenes from your first smash, "Ace Ventura, Putz..."





We've got to break for a commercial! Be right back! No clicking!

How do you think it's going, Hank?

Great! Just one thing! Bring me into the conversation a little more! The audience loves that!

Forget that schmuck, Jim! Don't pay attention to Hank during the show! If the audience was interested in anything Hank had to say, he'd be sitting where Larry is and Larry would be on the couch with you! Be show-wise, know what I mean?

We're back! So, Jim, after *Ace Ventura* your next film, *The Mask* made over \$120 million! It's a movie about someone who turns himself into a clownish, cartoon character!

I guess you could call it a fantasy!

In your case, I'm not so sure! Let's see a few clips from the film!



That looks like someone floating down there! I've got to jump in and save him!

I may be drunk out of my skull, but even I know you don't jump into a river to save someone floating face down!

It's not a man, it's a mask!



With a green face, no ears and more teeth than can fit in any human being's mouth, I'm going to be a real hit with the ladies!



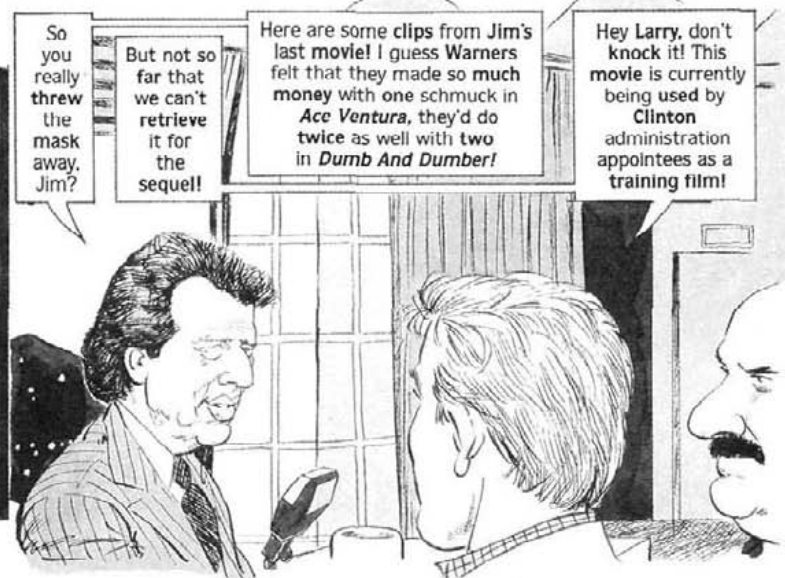
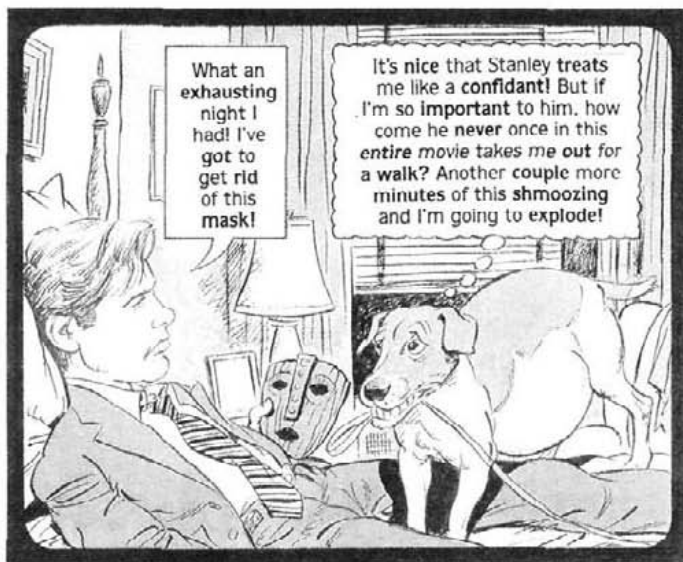
This picture's underlying theme was that people use masks to hide their true, inner selves!

You mean this movie had a message?

Yeah! Didn't you get it?

The only message I got was a wake-up call when the movie was over!









I know that actress!

Sure you do! It's Teri Garr! She had a small part in the film! Her agent said it would be a big career move for her!

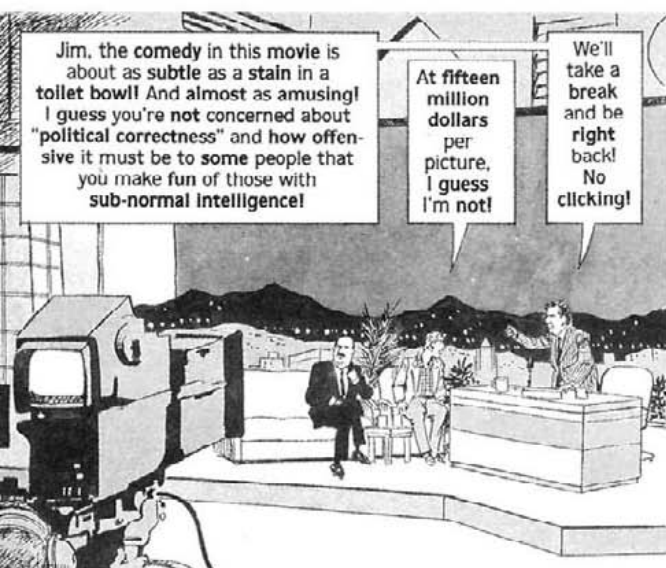
He just didn't say in which direction!



Jim, the comedy in this movie is about as subtle as a stain in a toilet bowl! And almost as amusing! I guess you're not concerned about "political correctness" and how offensive it must be to some people that you make fun of those with sub-normal intelligence!

At fifteen million dollars per picture, I guess I'm not!

We'll take a break and be right back! No clicking!



Jim, honey! You were fabulous! What can I say? Is this a guy or is this a guy?

I'd say he was...

Blow it out your rear window, Hank! I'm talking to Jimbo!

Phone call for you, Artie!



I just heard that Carrey's doing the Leno and Letterman shows next week! His agent promised me that we had an exclusive for the entire month! That double crosser!

What do you want me to do?

Get rid of that rubber-faced bastard! We're not doing any promos for the competition!

But we have a half hour more to go! What am I supposed to do for thirty minutes?

Abuse Hank! What else is a sidekick good for?



We're back! Jim had to run, so I thought we could use the time to get better acquainted with Hank Kingsley! That'll show you the kind of real life stupidity that I have to put up with every night!

Thanks, Larry! God, I love this guy!



## A SIGN OF THE CRIMES DEPT.

Most maps are put together by misguided dreamers. Rand McNally and his crew are living in Never-Never Land if they think that this country is really dotted with scenic overlooks and wholesome picnic areas. Maps would be much more accurate if they depicted the festering cesspools of squalor and corruption that this country is really composed of! This is exactly why we've decided to provide today's travelers with...

# MAD'S COMPLETELY UP-TO-DATE U.S. TOURIST MAP SYMBOLS

ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE

WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



**Popular Car-jacker  
Route**



**National Forest  
Ruined by Over-  
logging**



**Wacko Religious-  
cult Compound**



**Lodging That's  
Nowhere Near as  
Nice as "Folksy"  
Radio Ads Make It  
Sound**



**Contaminated  
Public Beach**



**Poorly-marked  
Pioneer  
Trail**



**Souvenir Shop With  
Exactly the Same  
Crap You've Seen  
in Every Other  
Souvenir Shop**



**Local Speed Limit  
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Dramatically With  
Town's Need for  
Money From  
Summons**



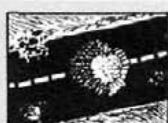
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Center With  
Nothing Good in  
Any Normal Size**



**"Take a Chance"  
Overnight Parking**



**Gang-controlled  
Rest Area**



**2-Lane Road Last  
Repaired  
During the Carter  
Administration**



**Chain Restaurant  
Sued for Racism**



**Abandoned Town  
Built Over  
Toxic Waste Dump  
in the '50s**



**Woods Full of  
Psychotic and  
Heavily-armed  
"Survivalists"**



**Last Indian  
Casino for  
25 Miles**



**WHAT'S PROMPTING  
MANY REPUBLICAN  
CANDIDATES TO  
LINE UP EAGERLY  
AT FUNDRAISING  
DINNERS?**

# HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

With the next election looming on the horizon, many right-wing politicians are gearing up for an exciting race. Campaign appearances and speaking engagements are on the rise. But to find out what's really making GOP candidates drool with anticipation, fold in page as shown.

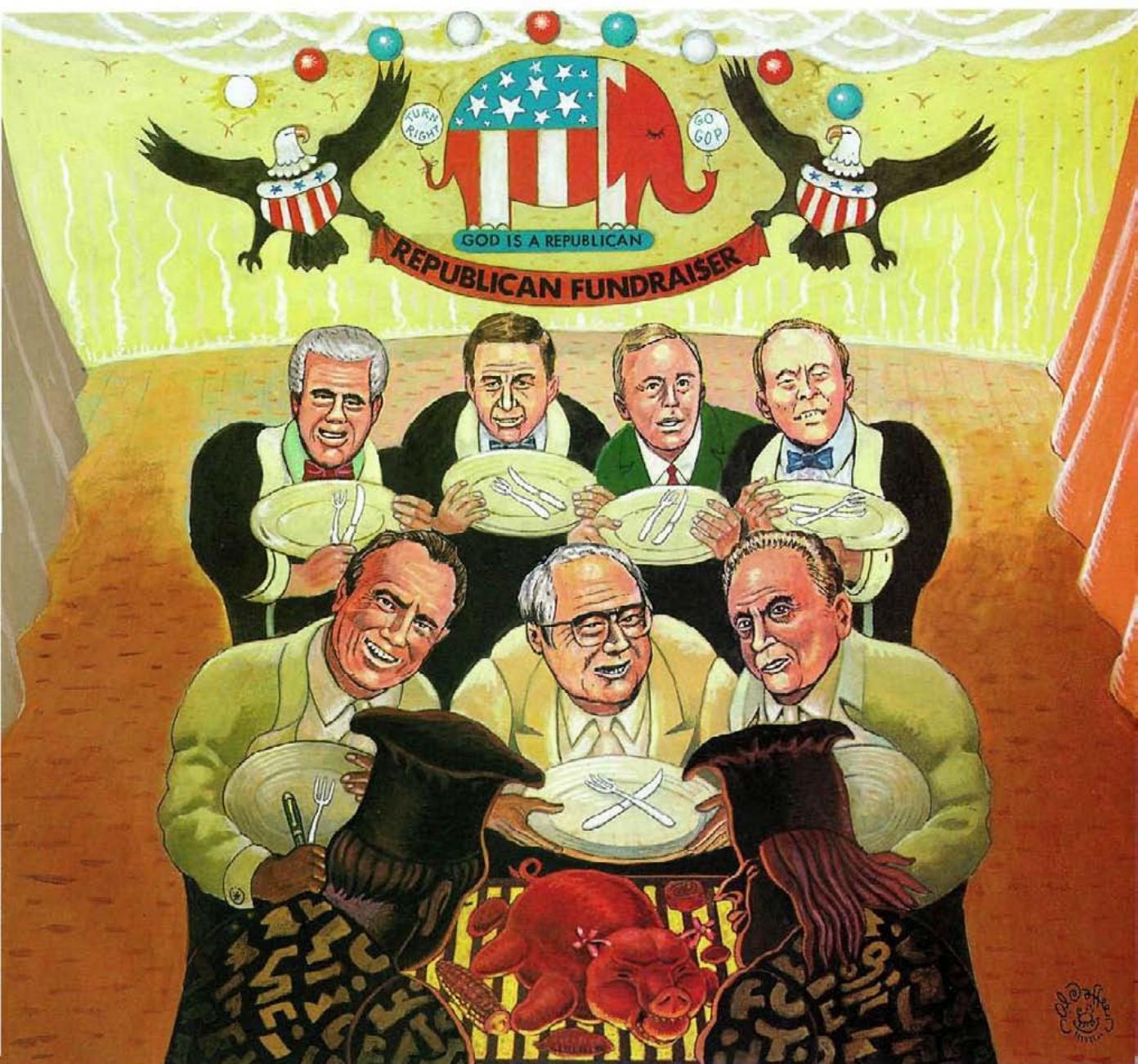


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THE SMART BET IN '96 IS ON THE GUY WHO CAN SELL  
HIMSELF. HE MUST ATTEND MANY GATHERINGS  
OF DEDICATED PARTY MEMBERS. HE'S MIGHTY GLAD  
MEALS ARE OFTEN A SPECIAL, DELICIOUS TREAT

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Pop Art, Post Modernism, Appropriation Art, Situationism.  
We don't know what the hell we're talking about! Here's...

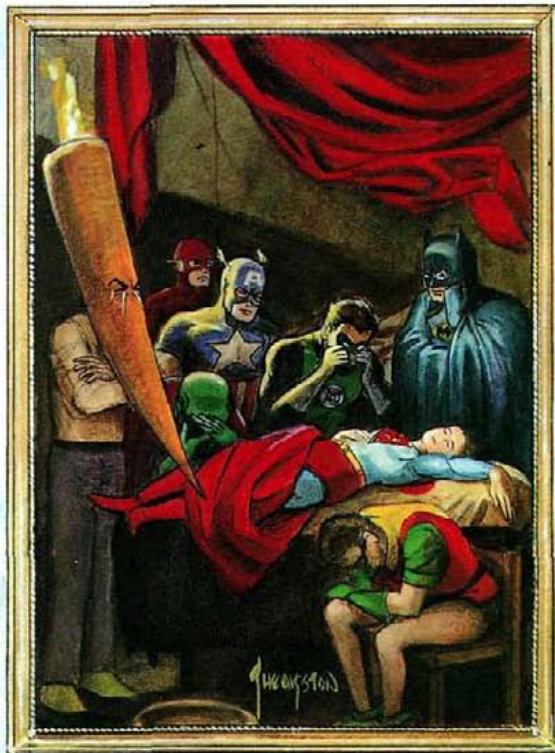
# Famous Artists' PAINTINGS OF COMIC BOOK CHARACTERS



WONDER WOMAN LISA  
by Leonardo Da Vinci



CATWOMAN DESCENDING  
A STAIRCASE by Duchamp



Caravaggio's DEATH OF SUPERMAN



Andy Warhol's HULKS



THE PERSISTENCE OF MR. FANTASTIC  
by Salvador Dalí